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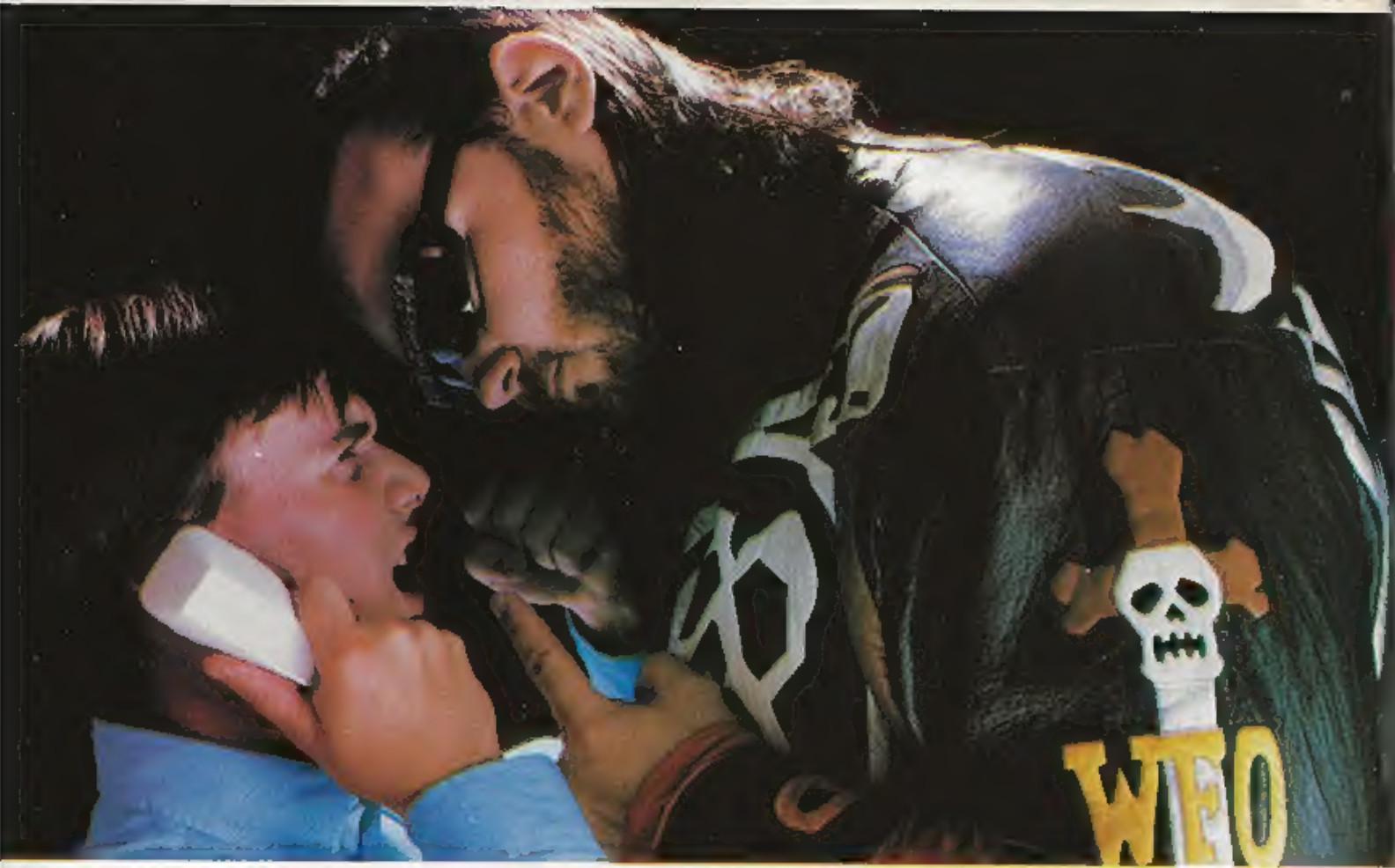


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Because Vader is capable of just about anything. He proved that when he power-bombed Jack on the concrete floor, sidelining him for months. And there's nothing to indicate that Vader has gotten any less vicious in the time since that brutal incident. Indeed, it is arguable that Vader has become even more of a sadistic monster in recent months, spurred on by his association with Sid Vicious and a series of matches against Sting and Davey Boy Smith. — Jack and Vader have both had a lot of time to prepare for this match. For Jack's part, preparation has meant recuperation; for

Vader's part, it has meant planning for Jack's comeback, perhaps devising new ways to maim and cripple. — The Halloween Havoc match is more than just another match, of course. It is a "spin the wheel, make the deal" contest.

Any one of 12 match options could come up on the wheel.

Any one of those 12 options provides more than the usual opportunity for the competitors to injure each other. — As if Cactus needed any more reason to hunger for revenge. — As if Vader needed any more goading to reinjure Cactus. — Fasten your seat belts.

See you next time.

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BATTLEBOWL COMING IN NOVEMBER!

WCW's best athletes will be competing in an intriguing pay-per-view event, an event that has the potential to unite enemies and tear apart friends.



Starrcade '91: Battlebowl

Battlebowl will be held November 20. The venue had not been determined as of press time, and the number of competitors is not set, as negotiations were ongoing with various wrestlers to secure their involvement. Nevertheless, the rules of Battlebowl are as follows: The names of all the wrestlers competing on the card are placed in a hat. The names are then drawn in pairs—it's called The Lethal Lottery!—with each pair becoming an

impromptu tag team.

The first and second wrestlers picked then wrestle against the third and fourth, and so on. The winners of each tag team match then qualify to wrestle in a battle royal held at the end of the evening.

"That's my kind of night," said

match pitting Sting and Sid Vicious against Big Van Vader and Davey Boy Smith!

"That kind of card scares me a bit," said Sting. "I thrive on competition, but I also value the great friends I have in this sport. I don't know if I could go all-out if I had to wrestle against someone like Davey Boy. And I wouldn't trust guys like Vader or Vicious to be my partner. Those guys care more about crippling people than about winning matches."

The quest to be the best, the man who stands alone and triumphant at the end of a brutal battle, should be enough to get WCW's greatest competitors to put aside friendships for one evening.

"Sometimes you have to be willing to wrestle against a friend and have it be each man for himself for one night," said Ricky Steamboat. "At an event like Battlebowl, everyone has to realize it's business, not anything personal."

GOLDEN RIDE FOR TWO HORSEMEN

The Four Horsemen added to their collection of championship hardware when "The Enforcer" Arn Anderson and Paul Roma defeated The Hollywood Blonds for the Unified World tag team title at Clash of the Champions XXIV in Daytona Beach, Florida, on August 18.

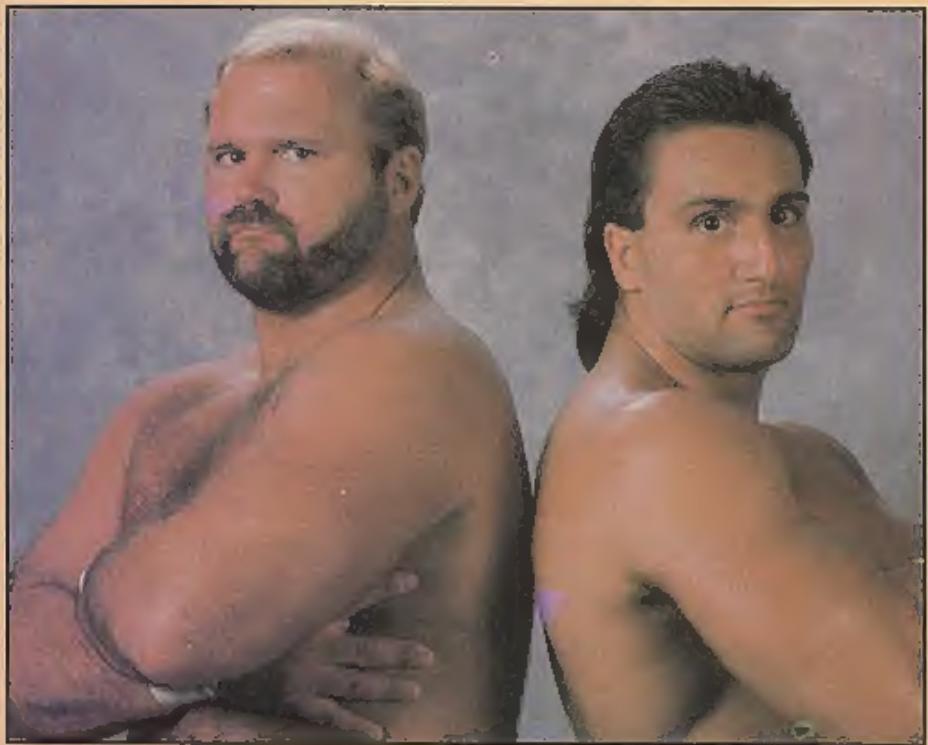
For Anderson and Roma, the feeling of vindication at having finally defeated the team they had been battling for so many months was tempered slightly by the challenges they knew lay ahead.

"I'm absolutely elated by this win,"

Maxx Payne. "I choose to look out for myself, so I'll team with almost anyone. After my partner and I win our tag team match, then I'll abandon him and compete purely for myself in the Battlebowl. Logic dictates that I be the favorite in such a match."

Payne says he'd team with almost anyone, but can you imagine a Payne-Johnny B. Badd duo? Or a Rick Rude-Dustin Rhodes tandem?

Think about this scenario: a tag team



Arn Anderson & Paul Roma

a jubilant Anderson told WCW MAGAZINE after the Clash match. "Paul and I trained so hard just to get a chance to celebrate a moment like this. And I'm very proud of Paul. He's lived through a lot of adversity in WCW, but tonight he showed he's a true Horsemen. The Four Horsemen triumphantly ride again."

Though it was the Horsemen's night, another hostile duo was doing its share of talking in another locker room. The Nasty Boys expected to be first in line for a title shot.

"Fine, Roma and Anderson have the Unified belts," said Nasty Boy Jerry Sags. "They've got talent, sure, but they're not as nasty as Knobs and me are. We're gonna show them what nasty is all about."

When the celebration ended, Roma and Anderson immediately made plans to scout out the many challengers to their newly won title.

"The Nasty Boys are absolutely a force we'll have to reckon with," said Roma. "The best tag teams in the world are in WCW, but in my opinion, Arn and I are at the top of that list. We learned a lot from wrestling Steve Austin and Brian Pillman. Our confidence is at an all-time high."

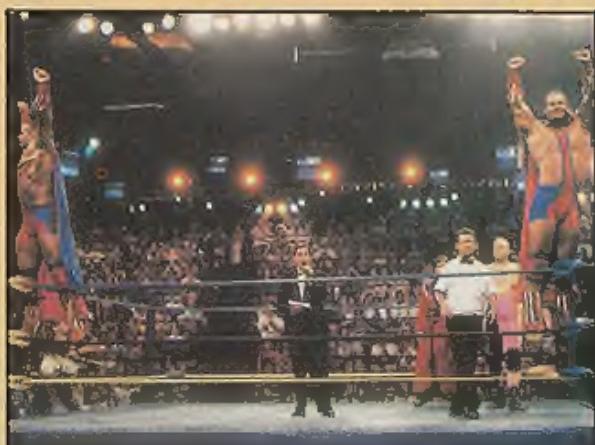
"Put it this way. We'll be ready for all comers," said Anderson.

"Tell them we'll see who's nasty when we get in the ring," snarled Brian Knobs.

AROUND THE RING

Planning a trip across the pond? WCW has announced plans for a tour of the U.K. and Germany, set for late October and early November. You can bet Davey Boy Smith and Lord Steven Regal will have to leave a lot of tickets for those dates! Turn to page 38 for complete details ... Ricky Steamboat got his solo career on track at the Clash. He defeated Paul Orndorff to capture the World TV title. He's already got the challengers lining up, though. Regal is hoping to take the belt home to Her Majesty. "I'm in WCW because Her Majesty asked me to get the TV belt and bring it to her," said Regal. "As long as there is royal blood running through my veins, I intend to do everything

in my power to honor that request. Given my competition, it shouldn't take long" ... Thunder & Lightning continue to storm their way through their tag team rivals. "You're gonna feel the thunder and get struck by lightning" is their motto ... When Dustin Rhodes heard of Rick Rude's complaints about the fans' booing of him, he laughed. "Yeah, they'll start cheering Rude when he starts giving them the respect they deserve," said Rhodes. "And when Rude realizes no wrestler is as good as Rude thinks he is—not even himself!" ... Halloween Havoc is fast approaching, and Cactus Jack says he wishes they'd just let him and WCW World champion Big Van Vader fight on the street, rather than make them "spin the wheel and make the deal." Said Cactus: "Why do we need a ring at all? If we fought on the street using any weapon we could find, we'd find out who the *real man* is" ... Native American Charlie Norris impressed fans at the Omni with his exciting style and his tomahawk chop. He defeated talented veteran Bobby Eaton in one minute! ... Manager Harley Race is rounding out an impressive stable. Not only does he have Vader, but also The Colossal Kong, who strike fear into any team they face, and Yoshi Kwan, a martial arts enthusiast who is quick and agile. "What can I say?" offered Race. "Now my men are indestructible. I have so many options—wrestlers with all types of styles. It's thrilling!" For more from the veteran manager, turn to "Hear Me Out" on page 22. ♦



Thunder & Lightning



Fan Jam

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SEPTEMBER SALVOS

I'm appalled at the cover of your September 1993 issue. Fifi? Give me a break! There are so many athletes in WCW who truly deserve to be on the cover of WCW MAGAZINE, and you feature a worthless idiot like her. Absurd!

◆ SHARON MATTHEWS
Los Angeles, California

What a great cover on the September issue! Ric Flair is The Man, and Fifi is a woman-and-a-half. Talk about stylin' and profilin'! Whoooooo!

◆ MIKE FOSTER
Dallas, Texas

Three resounding cheers for the September issue of WCW MAGAZINE! Cheers on the revolutionary breakthrough in style. I have yet to see its

Col. Parker is not admired by many fans—particularly not Boston's Ralph Jackson!



equal in color, graphics, and overall layout in other wrestling publications.

Cheers, also, to WCW MAGAZINE's distinguished writing staff. Not only do your contributing editors incorporate quality and the interest element in all their articles, but they also strive to improve upon their overall style.

In conclusion, WCW MAGAZINE has been defying "the norm" established by other wrestling magazines almost from its inception. With a fresh, ingenious, and always-changing format, WCW MAGAZINE is the epitome of what all magazines should be: a successful combination of class and style.

◆ LORI ZONARICH
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Why on earth did you give any space at all to that blowhard Col. Parker in your September issue ("10 Questions")? This man is the biggest bag of hot air since the balloon that whisked the Wizard out of Oz and left Dorothy and the Munchkins behind! Hey Parker: Get lost!

◆ RALPH JACKSON
Boston, Massachusetts

I can't believe the headline on the cover of your September issue: "The Sting-Davey Boy Team: Success Or Failure? You Decide!" I made my decision long ago: resounding success! How can you not call them a success, considering how they downed Big Van Vader and Sid Vicious at Beach Blast? They're the two most popular, most capable

wrestlers today. I hope that they turn their attention away from Sid and Vader and toward the Unified World tag team title. I know they could win it in no time, and they both look naked without championship belts around their waists.

◆ RUSS BURNS
Detroit, Michigan

YOU'RE WELCOME, WE'RE SURE!

I recently attended Beach Blast in Biloxi, Mississippi, and had the time of my life! Before the matches got underway, I had the chance to meet virtually every WCW superstar. I want to thank Ron Simmons, Ric Flair, Sting, Marcus Bagwell, and all the other superstars for taking time out to take pictures and sign autographs. Thanks, WCW, for giving me a day I'll never forget!

◆ DALE FURR
Clinton, Mississippi

THE MISSY DEBATE CONTINUES...

I have read every issue of WCW MAGAZINE. It is the best magazine I ever read. There is only one problem: "Missy's View." It is dumb and boring. So could you do us a real favor and drop "Missy's View" altogether? Like Rita M. Buda said in her "Fan Jam" letter in the August 1993 issue: She is brain-dead.

◆ ANGEL L. OSBORNE
Reidsville, North Carolina

I'm writing to tell anyone who read "Fan Jam" in the August 1993 issue that the person who wrote about Missy Hyatt and her column is just jealous. She said, "all her asinine columns are just loud self-promotion." She also said that all she thinks about is herself. Well, I think that just enhances the jealousy, because it keeps reminding her that she is ugly and Missy is beautiful.

Besides, if you wanted to drop a

lousy writer, why not drop Jesse Ventura?

◆ KRIS FANNIN
Tomahawk, New York

KITTY'S VIEW

How about a double-sided centerfold of The Hollywood Blonds? Is it just me or are these guys hot? ... I think Missy Hyatt is doing a terrific job, and if these other ladies can't accept her, then they don't have to read her column. As for me, I love her column ... Does anybody really care



Does Missy Hyatt's column, "Missy's View," belong in WCW MAGAZINE? The debate among our readers rages on.

about whether Rick Rude has a moustache or not? ... Is Marcus Bagwell aware of the new steak TV dinners? ... What's the deal with Col. Parker's cigars, anyway? ... Attention WCW tag teams: Has anyone enjoyed their "Brush With Greatness"? ... See ya!

◆ KITTY GRAMS
Dundee, Michigan

[Editor's note: Hope you didn't miss our September issue, Kitty: That's the one that featured the Blonds in the poster!]

DANKE!

Hi, there! In your July 1993 issue, you mentioned a special task for your readers from outside the U.S.A. You wanted the readers to write to you

and let you know what they think of WCW, its superstars, and your publication.

Well, here I am, a reader from Germany and a giant fan of WCW.



Ron Simmons takes a moment to pose with lucky fan Dale Furr at Beach Blast.

First of all, I have to confess that I'm a WCW fan only for about a year. Since January, we're in the fortunate position to watch WCW on a German satellite TV channel called DSF.

The superstars of WCW are great and very impressive to me. They are all very athletic and well-trained sportsmen, and their matches are always captivating and exciting. Of course, there's one wrestler who's my favorite, and that is Maxx Payne. Since I've seen him there in the ring, my heart and all of me belongs to that strong and powerful rock guitar player!

Give Maxx Payne my regards, my love, and say hello to him for me! Best wishes, and loads of love from Germany to you!

◆ ANNETTE BECK
Laxstedt-Donnern, Germany

OOPS!

It seems that in your September issue, your two puzzles had a mixup. If you look carefully, you'll notice that the directions for the puzzles are with the wrong puzzles! Even so, WCW MAGAZINE is always the first thing I ever buy off the newsstand!

◆ ROBERT HALLER
Coleman, Michigan

front row

ring side



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- October 3: Maxx Payne
- October 6: Missy Hyatt
- October 11: Dusty Rhodes
- October 12: Stan Hansen
- October 15: Wrecking Crew Rage
- October 21: Charlie Norris
- October 25: 2 Cold Scorpio
- October 29: Paul Orndorff



CRAZY CAPTIONS #18

You know what it's all about, fans: It's time for another Crazy Captions contest, in which you can win a free WCW T-shirt! All you have to do is come up with a witty caption for the photo you see here. What is Eric Bischoff thinking as Sid Vicious chokes him? You tell us!

The three best comments—along with the names of the writers—will appear in the January 1993 edition of WCW MAGAZINE, on sale November 16. Each of the three writers will receive a free WCW T-shirt, so don't forget to include your T-shirt size with your entry.

Address your responses to: "Crazy Captions #18" c/o WCW MAGAZINE, Box 956, Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania 19034.

And now, here are the responses for contest #16, in which you were asked to provide a comment for Marcus Alexander Bagwell in the photo you see here:

"Hey, 2 Cold: Have you found my contact lens yet?"—Scott Jenkins, Hamden, Connecticut

"Bagwell to ground control: We have liftoff!"—Chris Collins, Walton, West Virginia

"Hey, Scorpio: I found a dime!"—Kathy Madara, Brooksville, Florida

Next issue: Crazy Captions contest #19—and results from contest #17!





HAVE YOU HEARD?

10 hot topics that are keeping WCW fans talking

1 HALLOWEEN HAVOC It's time to spin the wheel and make the deal! Which of the 12 match choices will come up? We won't know until October 24!

2 CACTUS JACK'S RETURN We know he's crazy enough to make a comeback, but is he healthy enough?

3 THE EQUALIZER Rick Rude likes him. That's enough for us to hate him.

4 DUSTIN RHODES VS. RICK RUDE Don't think this one's over yet. There's enough bad blood here to flood the midwest all over again.

5 LORD STEVEN REGAL Won't someone knock that smug smirk off his face? Please?

6 CHARLIE NORRIS Wrestling excellence is native to this native American.

7 RIC FLAIR & PAUL ROMA What a team!

8 THE SECOND ANNUAL JESSE VENTURA INVITATIONAL ARM-WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Who has the strongest arm in WCW? We'll soon find out!

9 WCW RETURNS TO THE U.K. And Germany, too!

10 KENT & KEITH COIF Their popularity keeps increasing with every match they win!



Front Row



WHO AM I?



How many clues do you need to correctly guess the mystery wrestler's identity? Test your friends! Answer on page 16.

- 1: I made my professional debut in the spring of 1975
- 2: I once worked as a bodyguard for such bands as The Grateful Dead, The Rolling Stones, and Bob Seger
- 3: In the fall of 1984, I quit the ring due to a lung condition that, I believe, was the result of exposure to the defoliant Agent Orange in Vietnam.
- 4: I have released several songs, including a picture disc, on vinyl
- 5: Hollywood loves me as much as wrestling fans and my hometown constituency do, too!

SUPERSTAR STATPAK

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 305 lbs.

Chest: 60"

Arms: 21"

Years Pro: 5

Birthday: December 1

Hometown: Dodge City, Kansas

Favorite Maneuver: Full-nelson

Favorite Wrestlers: Rick Rude, David "Fit" Finlay

Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Color: Black

Favorite Musician: Garth Brooks

Favorite Actors: Charles Bronson, Arnold Schwarzenegger

Favorite Movies: *Death Wish*, *The Terminator*

Favorite TV Shows: *Cops*, *America's Most Wanted*

Favorite Hobbies: Hunting and fishing

"Let me tell every one of you a thing or two about The Equalizer. The reason they call me that is that I'm the kind of a guy who brings a little bit of balance to the sport. All these candy-coated fan-loving linkheads around here are so happy with their cheers and their fan clubs and all the rest of it, they've forgotten what a real wrestler is all about. They've forgotten what wrestling is all about. It's about pain, it's about work, it's about sweat, it's about stretching your body to the limit. Well, I'm about to stretch a few bodies to their limit, and I'm about to make some of these punks feel the kind of pain they haven't felt in years. Every man is the same when he's screaming for mercy, and that's what I'll have guys like Sting and Davey Boy Smith and Dustin Rhodes doing before long: screaming for mercy. Like I said, every man is the same in that situation, every man is equal in defeat. Equal. Equalizer. Get the connection? If you don't, you will soon enough, I promise."



BODY ENGLISH

By Jesse "The Body" Ventura

I've been getting an awful lot of feedback about an article in the *National Enquirer* recently that profiled yours truly.

In case you missed it, the article pointed out that crime in the city of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota—the city of which I'm mayor—is at its lowest point in 10 years.

Before you scoff at the *Enquirer's* political reporting credentials, go talk with former Presidential hopeful Gary Hart and ask him and Donna Rice for a ride on their boat, *Monkey Business*.

Meanwhile, the article goes on to state that burglaries and aggravated assaults are down by a third, despite the fact that the population has grown by about a third!

This is success, folks. This is what it's all about. I've gotten the people in Brooklyn Park involved in their city, and they've responded. Crime is down, community involvement is up, and life is getting better.

Go ahead. Tell me how crime is down in your city!

What's the point? The point is that when people get involved, things happen. When good people get involved, good things happen.

You can do the same in your town, people. Get your noses out of the refrigerator and into the newspaper. Learn what's happening in your town, city, and state. Wake up! Government isn't a bunch of suits stealing out of your wallets and pocketbooks—al least, it doesn't have to be. Government is you and me. We shape our leadership with votes and letters and phone calls and petitions... and involvement! So if you don't like what's happening with your town and your taxes and



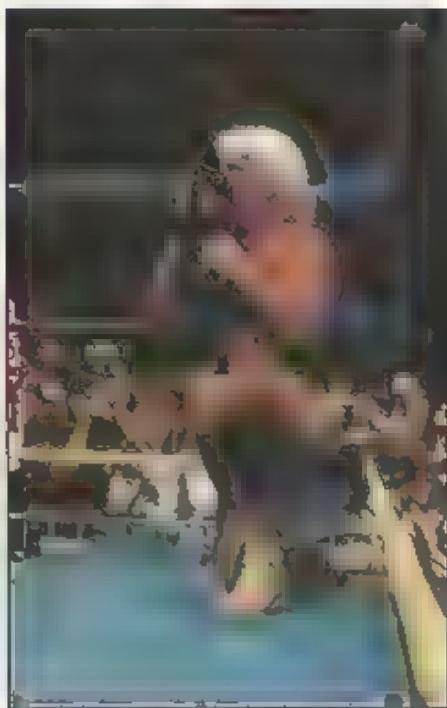
your way of life, do something about it now!

Or you could just go to the fridge and grab another sandwich. See you in 30.

Jesse Ventura serves as color commentator on WCW Saturday Night on TBS, the syndicated WCW Worldwide program, and WCW's Clash and pay-per-view broadcasts.



SINCE
YOU
ASKED...



"I'd like to ask Ric Flair: What was your most gratifying title victory, of all?"

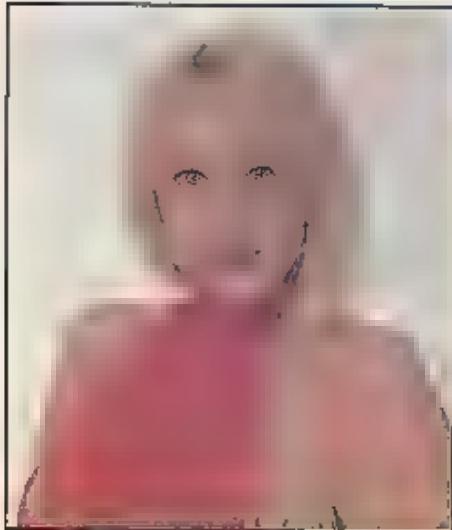
—Zachary Richards
New Orleans, Louisiana

"After having won an unprecedented 10 world titles, Zachary, I can answer your question quite easily," the "Nature Boy" replied. "I have learned over the years that the most gratifying title victory is the next title victory, because the thrill of the hunt is one of the most gratifying aspects of this sport. And I always bag the prey I stalk. Whoaaaao!"

If you have a question for a WCW star—any WCW star—send it to: "Since You Asked" c/o WCW MAGAZINE, Box 956, Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania 19034.

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Toug Side



By Missy Hyatt

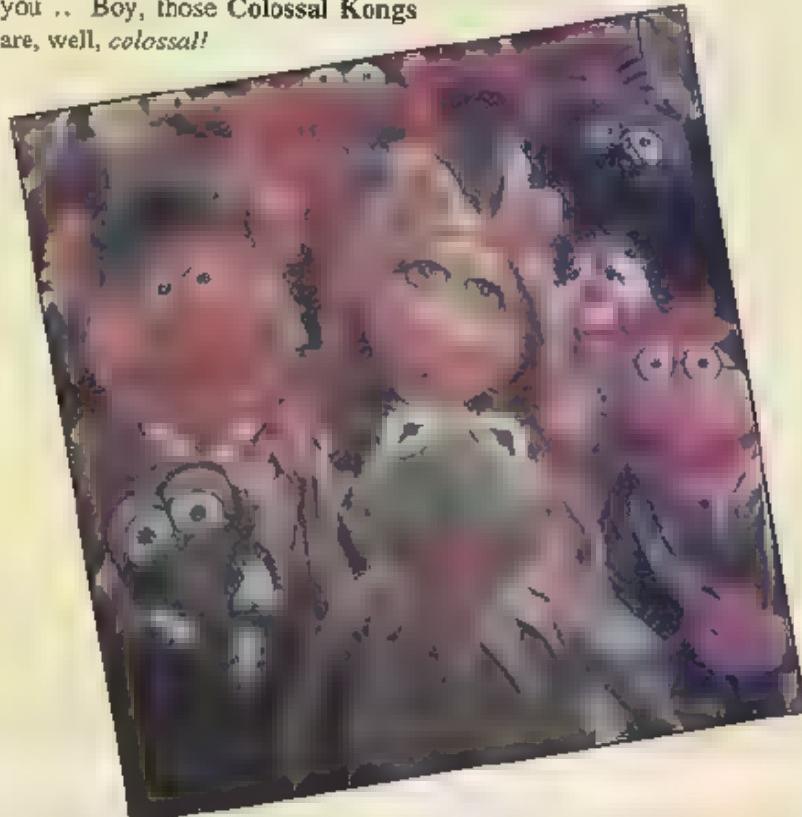
Time once again to dip into the mailbag, readers! ... First of all, let me apologize for not being able to answer each and every one of you personally, but the mail has been just so heavy lately! ... Jamie Strong of Buffalo, New York, filled me in on Beavis and Butt-Head, then added that compared to me, *Fifi* is nothing but a French bumbo ... I tend to agree, Jamie! ... Steve Gerweck of Monroe, Michigan, wants to know what sports and teams I like ... Right now Steve, I've been getting into hockey in a big way, the Philadelphia Flyers are my fave! ... Finally, Lisa Peters of Prince Edward Island, Canada, writes, *Is that your nose or is that a wart on your face? Is that your head or a big watermelon full of seeds?* ... It's a shame that so many people in today's world carry so much hatred around with them ... Yoshi Kwan is one strange-looking dude. You don't have to be a kid to love The Muppets; that was one of my favorite

shows of all-time ... Maybe it's just me, but The Equalizer and Rick Rude go together as a tag team like ice cream and horseradish ... Those Nasty Boys ought to calm down ... I think it's time for Hillary Clinton to get another new hairdo ... Doesn't Bobby Eaton remind you of country music star Joe Diffie? ... It's nice not having to wait up an extra hour to watch David Letterman ... Of course, I guess I could always set the VCR, right? ... Just looking at Thunderbolt Patterson's hair makes me want to go wash my hands ... If the shrimp isn't fresh, don't even bother bringing it to my table, thank you ... Boy, those Colossal Kongs are, well, *colossal!*

Whatever happened to the Susan B. Anthony dollar? I kind of liked it!

With or without a belt, Ric Flair is still The Man ... Is "Louie, Louie" really such a great song that they had to devote a whole book to it? ... Does Eric Bischoff ever have a bad hair day? ... Why are so many people down on Barney the dinosaur? I think he's kind of cute and cuddly! ... See y'all next month!

Editor's note: If you would like to write to Missy, send your letters and questions to: "Missy's View" c/o WCW MAGAZINE, Box 956, Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania, 19034.



GORDON SOLIE REMEMBERS



As I write this, it is the afternoon of Clash of the Champions XXIV, and I find it interesting, and more than a little exhilarating, that the excitement of the event hasn't diminished over the 5½ years that Clash cards have been held.

There's always something special about a Clash. I suppose it's the idea that these great athletes are wrestling live in front of a home television audience of millions of fans. It helps them propel themselves to new levels of athletic excellence.

I'll never forget that first Clash card. It took place on March 27, 1988, in Greensboro, North Carolina. The main event was then-NWA World champion Ric Flair going up against a youngster that, at that time, few fans knew much about: a kid by the name of Sting.

Well, as you probably know, Sting took it to the "Nature Boy" that night, and the two men wrestled to a 45-minute draw. The next day, fans around the world were talking about Sting, and haven't stopped since!

That's the kind of ex-

citement that characterizes those Clash cards, and that's why the drama and anxiety never will, for me, never die down.

See you next month

World Championship Wrestling broadcaster Gordon Solie, the dean of professional wrestling, has been an expert analyst of the sport since 1959.



Ric Flair vs. Sting at Clash of the Champions I

front row



TOP 10 RATINGS

This issue's "Top 10 Ratings" come from Sting fan Andrea DeMar of Marksville, Louisiana.

10 REASONS TO SAY "OWWWWWW!"

- 1—That we l BODY!
- 2—That hair!
- 3—That smile!
- 4—Those eyes
- 5—That little mole on the left side of his neck!
- 6—That voice!
- 7—The way he looks on that Harley!
- 8—The way he treats the "Stinger" fans!
- 9—The way he looks in blue jeans!
- 10—The way he looks in a leather jacket!

If you have an offbeat ratings category, we want to see it! Maybe we'll print it in a future issue. Send your ratings to: "WCW Top 10" c/o WCW MAGAZINE, Box 956, Ft Washington, Pennsylvania 19034.



Each issue, "Front Row Ringside" features a selection of fan artwork involving WCW and its superstars. Do you have any artwork such as drawings or paintings you've made? How about computer art, or a photograph of some other WCW-oriented crafts project you've done? If so, we'd like to feature your work in "Front Row Ringside."

Send your material to the following address: "Fan Fun Corner" c/o WCW MAGAZINE, Box 956, Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania 19034. All material becomes the property of WCW MAGAZINE and, due to the large volume of submissions received, cannot be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope bearing the proper amount of postage.

A note about your drawings: Pencil sketches don't always reproduce well in the magazine; ink drawings are better, and drawings done with colored inks or markers reproduce best of all.



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ANSWER TO "WHO AM I?"
ON PAGE 12: JESSE VENTURA



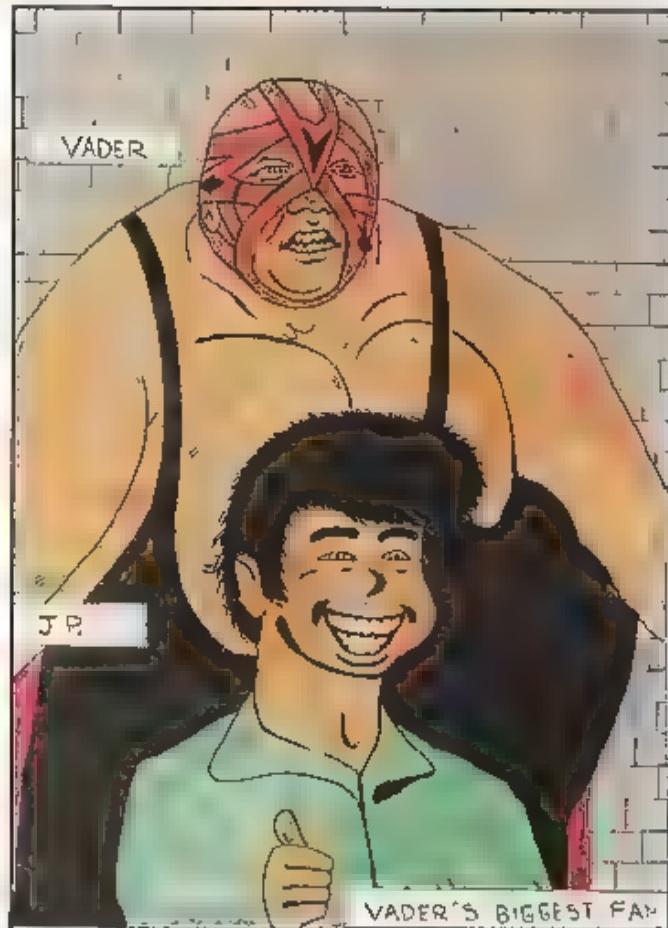
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Joao Paulo
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SPIN THE WHEEL, MAKE THE DEAL!

In this issue's word-search puzzle, we've hidden the names of the 12 match choices that will be on the wheel at Halloween Havoc on October 24. To make it a bit tougher for you, we've made sure that the letters of the words are not hidden in a straight line! We've given you the solution to CAGE MATCH to give you an idea of how it works. Note: A hidden word never crosses over any other hidden word. (Puzzle solution on page 56.)

HIDDEN WORDS:

BARBED-WIRE MATCH

CAGE MATCH

COAL MINER'S GLOVE MATCH

DOG COLLAR MATCH

FIRST BLOOD MATCH

I QUIT MATCH

LUMBERJACK/BELTS MATCH

PRINCE OF DARKNESS MATCH

RUSSIAN CHAIN MATCH

SPINNER'S CHOICE

TEXAS BULLROPE MATCH

TEXAS DEATH MATCH

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ANSWERS TO CHAMPIONSHIP
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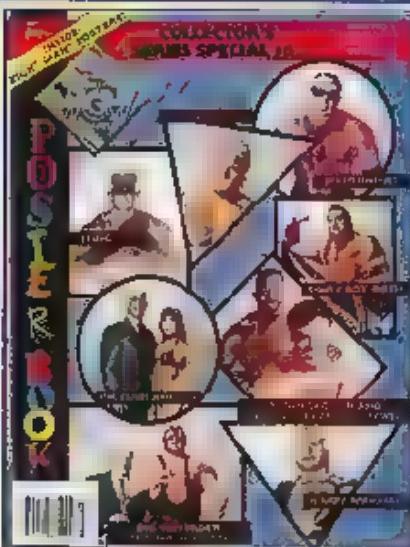
- 1 SID VIOIOUS
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- 3 BEACH BLAST
- 4 SIR WILLIAM
- 5 WCW WORLDWIDE
- 6 WCW MAIN EVENT
- 7 THE POWER BOMB
- 8 BRAN PILLMAN
- 9 PAUL ORNDORFF
- 10 THE NATURE BOY
- 11 HALLOWEEN HAVOC
- 12 THE THIRD DEGREE
- 13 HORSEMAN PAUL ROMA
- 14 CENTER STAGE THEATER
- 15 MARCUS ALEXANDER BAGWELL

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10 Questions

ARN ANDERSON

He's known as "The Enforcer" and "Double-A" Arn Anderson is, indeed, double-tough, maybe the toughest wrestler in the world. Although not particularly huge at 6' and 249 pounds, Anderson has the skills and brains to think and fight his way through any match, and he never backs down from anyone. A founding member of The Four Horsemen, Anderson urged the reunion of Ric Flair, Ole Anderson, and himself with newcomer Paul Roma. So far, the Horsemen are looking pretty good. Flair notched his 10th world title win, and Anderson and Roma put the tag team world—and particularly The Nasty Boys—on notice that the Horsemen are as vital a force in the sport as ever. In his marvelous career, Anderson has held six world tag team titles and three NWA World TV championships. It seems as if Arn never slows down. In fact, WCW MAGAZINE's Dave Rosenbaum had to do some running to catch up with "The Enforcer" and pose these "10 Questions."

1

WCW MAGAZINE: Do you like being called "The Enforcer"?

ANDERSON: If I didn't like it, nobody would call me that, if you get my drift. I don't remember the first time anybody called me "The Enforcer," but I think it might have been Ole. Ric Flair's always called me "Double A," and I like that, too, but "Enforcer" is one of those names that describes a person. I enforce. That's my job.

2

WCW MAGAZINE: What is it exactly that you don't like about The Nasty Boys?

ANDERSON: An easier question would be to ask me what I *like* about those guys, 'cause there ain't much. Let's just leave it at that.

3

WCW MAGAZINE: What's it like growing up in a wrestling family? I can imagine Sunday barbeques where everybody just ends up rolling in the grass beating up on each other.

ANDERSON: Don't believe it. We're just a bunch of good ol' boys, and most of the time me, Ole, Gene, Lars, and Brad would just sit around, gobbling down hamburgers, sucking down a few beers, listening to a few tunes, telling a few war stories, and talkin' about who we want to beat up next.

4

WCW MAGAZINE: Do you think you're mellowing as you're getting older?

ANDERSON: Older? Who's getting older? I'd like to think I'm getting a little more experienced and a little more knowledgeable about what I can expect in a match. But I've never heard anyone describe me as mellow. Cool and calculating, maybe—those are the words reporters like yourself like to use—but never mellow. Nope. Any successful wrestler has to have a certain amount of intensity, and I've always had plenty of that. Mellow? No way. Smarter? Definitely.

5

WCW MAGAZINE: Can you ever forgive Bobby Eaton?

ANDERSON: Good question. You know, I've always thought a man could forgive a friend for anything, and I'd probably forgive Eaton if he'd just own up to the situation like a man and admit he was wrong. Admit he should've called me in the hospital or at least found out how I was doing, instead of leaving me for dead. You know, I was hurt real bad, and my own tag team partner never even makes a phone call. That's serious stuff, and I can't come up with a single reason to forgive him after all that's come between us. Yeah, we were World tag team champions, but that's the past.

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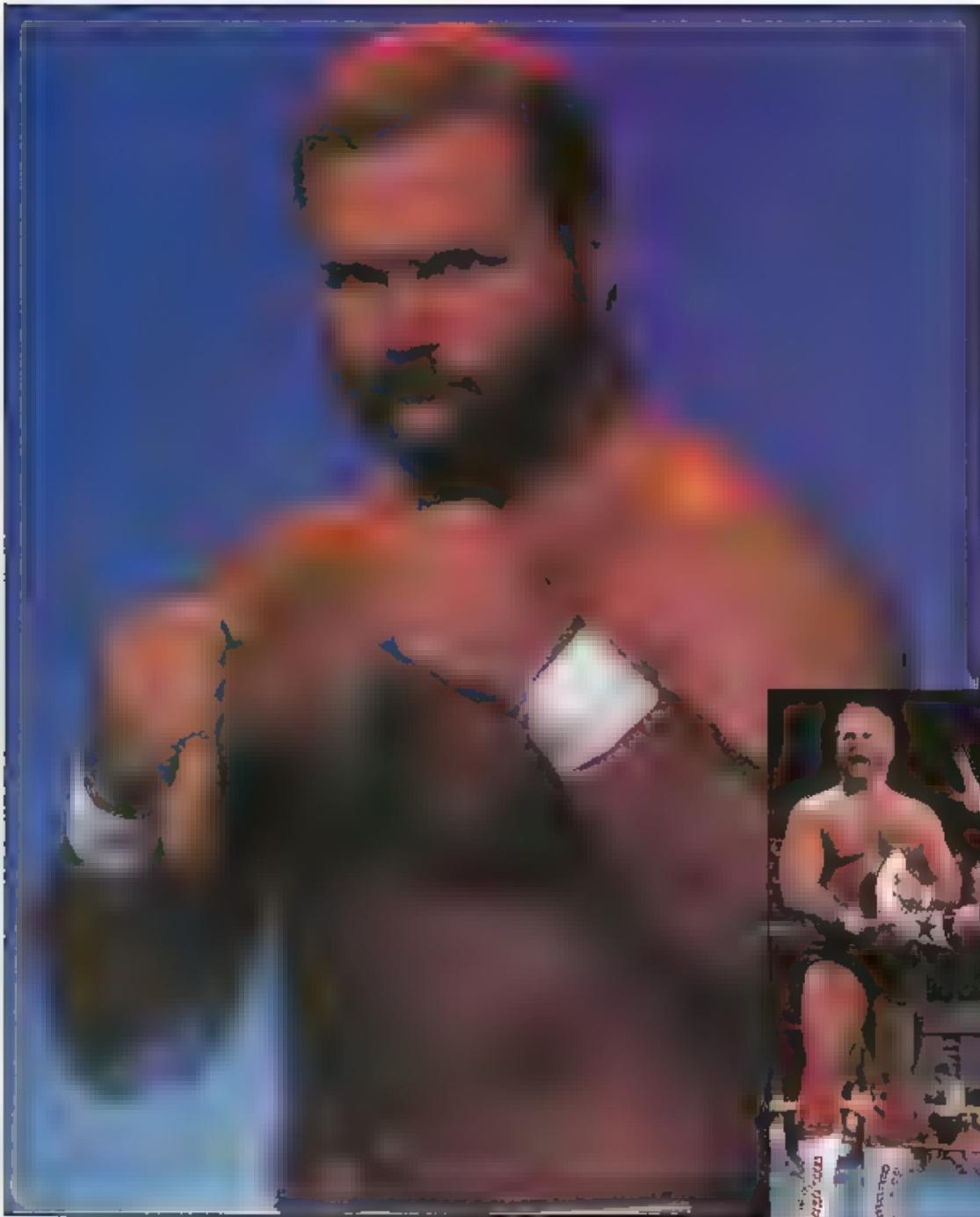
WCW MAGAZINE: Fill in the blank. If Ric Flair had devoted his career to tag team wrestling, he'd have ...

ANDERSON: ... been the best tag team wrestler that ever was, and I'll guarantee that. You know, I've always felt that if Michael Jordan wanted to be a baseball player, he'd be the best that ever lived, and if Joe Montana wanted to be a basketball player, he would've been great, too. Some people are just born special, and Ric's one of those people.

7

WCW MAGAZINE: Why was Paul Roma the perfect fourth Horseman?

ANDERSON: Because he's young and eager to learn. Because he has style but knows his place. Because he proved to



Arn Anderson asks the fans if Brian Pillman deserves a little enforcement. "Flyin' Brian" obviously doesn't concur with their reply!



all of us after hours and hours of interviews that he was the best man available, and that's what we were looking for. That's how it works in the NFL draft, and that's how it worked with the Horsemen.

8

WCW MAGAZINE: Do you consider yourself dangerous?

ANDERSON: Does a snake have venom? Is an owl wise? Yeah, I'm dangerous. But not to everybody, just my enemies.

9

WCW MAGAZINE: What do you do in your free time?

ANDERSON: What the heck is that? No, really, I get some free time once in a while, and I like to play golf, sit around and shoot the breeze, check out the stock market, maybe even watch some old wrestling tapes.

10

WCW MAGAZINE: Complete this sentence. In five years Arn Anderson will be ...

ANDERSON: ... probably talking to some nosy magazine reporter who's asking all kinds of dumb questions. Heck, I don't know. Who knows where the heck they're going to be in five years, or even next month? I've always been the kind of guy who lives for today. I can't worry about tomorrow, and I've already forgotten about yesterday. There's too much going on right now to worry about. If you know what I'll be doing in five years, keep it to yourself. I'd rather find out the hard way. ♦



By Harley Race

When wrestling historians one day write the chapter on this decade's place in the sport's history, they will no doubt refer to April 21, 1993, as one of the great moments. A turning point. A moment of miraculous triumph.

It was, of course, on this day that Cactus Jack met his doom. The picture should be fresh in everyone's mind: Big Van Vader lifting Cactus Jack to shoulder height as I removed the protective covering from the cement floor. Then—and I can still see it in slow-motion—the mighty Vader dropping Jack to the floor. Jack's pebble head absorbing every ounce of impact.

April 21, 1993. A great day in wrestling history. Vader and I did all of society a tremendous favor. The man is a danger, and we kept him away from the ring for nearly five months.

There are times when I reflect upon that day and wonder what we could have done to make Cactus Jack's departure permanent. About two weeks earlier, Vader broke Jack's nose, and 27 stitches were required to close several severe facial wounds.

A man with any sense would have quit right then and there. Jack, however, clearly doesn't have an ounce of sense in his demented mind and he is now paying the price of his ignorance and bullheadedness.

But you will read no excuses today. No. What you will hear about is a master plan to drive Cactus Jack out of wrestling, out of life, forever, and what we do to Cactus Jack should be taken as a message to all wrestlers. I do not need to speak that message. Actions speak far louder than words.

I am confident that I have assembled the most awesome force this sport has ever seen, a group of four wrestlers that makes The Four Horsemen look like The Partridge Family. In my days as an active wrestler, any man with an ounce of sense knew to fear such a group and keep a distance.

You all know Big Van Vader. He's the WCW World champion three times over and one of the finest all-around wrestlers this sport has ever seen. I thank the good Lord men like him weren't around in my day. He is clearly a machine of the modern age, but there is something

deliciously primitive about him.

Vader's supporting cast is the finest in the world. The Colossal Kongs—Awesome and King—live up to their names with more than 900 pounds of magnificent bulk. The more they eat, the more dangerous the situation becomes for Cactus Jack and anybody who gets in their way. But their mission is not restricted to the numbskull from Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

One day, WCW will have to tailor the tag belts to fit around the monstrous waists of The Colossal Kongs. They are my greatest discovery, but I will not say where I discovered them.

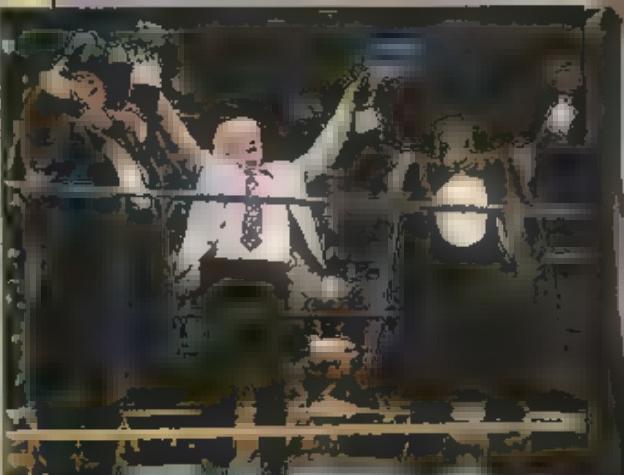
Finally, there is the lightweight in the group, but he is light in pounds only, not in talent. Yoshi Kwan, a man I discovered during a recent trip to Hong Kong, is the antithesis of The Colossal Kongs: 6' 220-pounds, all muscle, and a master of the martial arts. Take one look at his face, adorned with a beautiful Fu Manchu beard, and you know he means business.

Anybody who has followed my career knows I'm a no-nonsense man. I don't have time for games, and I refuse to stand by while others take advantage of me or my men. Over the past few months, it has come to my attention that certain elements within WCW were trying to destroy me and Vader. Consider Yoshi Kwan and the Kongs as preventive medicine.

Think back upon what Vader did to Cactus Jack, then multiply it times four. Then you'll be able to compute the potentially explosive power of my wrestling stable. At first, Vader was enough, but clearly there is strength in numbers, and I have carefully rebuilt my stable to be the most powerful in wrestling.

The pursuit of excellence is a noble goal. The pursuit of Cactus Jack is even more noble. Only by wiping out the mutants in this sport can we make it pure again. We have not yet tasted defeat, nor do we plan to. An al. for one, one for all mentality is in effect, starting now.

Everyone in WCW should be looking over their shoulders. We won't be hard to spot. We'll be the ones doing a number on Cactus Jack, again and again. Just remember who to thank when he's gone. ♦



Harley Race has made some big-time additions to his stable, signing The Colossal (left) and Yoshi Kwon.



In The Spotlight

The road to the WCW World tag team title is fraught with potholes, danger, unexpected turbulence. When Arn Anderson and Paul Roma wrestled Chris Benoit and Bobby Eaton, the volatile title picture was thrown into a state of utter confusion.

"Arn's a great wrestler, and I should know that better than anybody," said Eaton, who, with Anderson, held the WCW World tag belts for four months in 1992. "But he's an ingrate and he's wrestling out of spite, not desire. He envies me. As for Roma, I don't think he has what it takes to be a Horseman."

ARN ANDERSON & PAUL ROMA vs. CHRIS BENOIT & BOBBY EATON

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Anderson, informed of this statement, shot back with a headline-making quote of his own.

"Eaton's loss is my gain," Arn said. "Roma's the best partner I ever had, and you can quote me on that."

From a distance, Benoit and Roma were the innocent bystanders in this grudge match plus two. As it turned out, that clearly was not the case. Figure it this way: When a divorced husband and wife run into each other by chance, their new partners will invariably check each other out.

Who did better? For now, the vote goes to Anderson.

"No kidding," Roma said, with a typically confident Horseman air.

Okay. Let's get down to business. Just to keep the fans waiting, Roma and Benoit got things started. Anderson and Eaton, however, were champing at the bit, but not until



The war within the war: Ex-tag team partners Arn Anderson and Bobby Eaton mix it up outside the ring.

Benoit and Roma exchanged headlocks did the former partners lock horns.

Anderson smashed Eaton's head into the outer ringpost. The ringside physician shuddered. A popcorn vendor dropped his stake. Back in the ring, Eaton tried for a figure-four leglock, but Anderson was neither weary enough nor ready to be locked.

"I got a little anxious," Eaton said. "Maybe it was a mistake."

"Not his first," Anderson said. "Not his last."

Anderson regained control and slapped Eaton across the ring. Benoit tagged in, but Anderson was waiting for him. When Anderson missed with a clothesline, Benoit rebounded with a spectacular flying dropkick. It was the last time Eaton and Benoit had control.

"That took everything out of him," Roma said. "You could see that when Arn didn't go down, Benoit knew it was over."

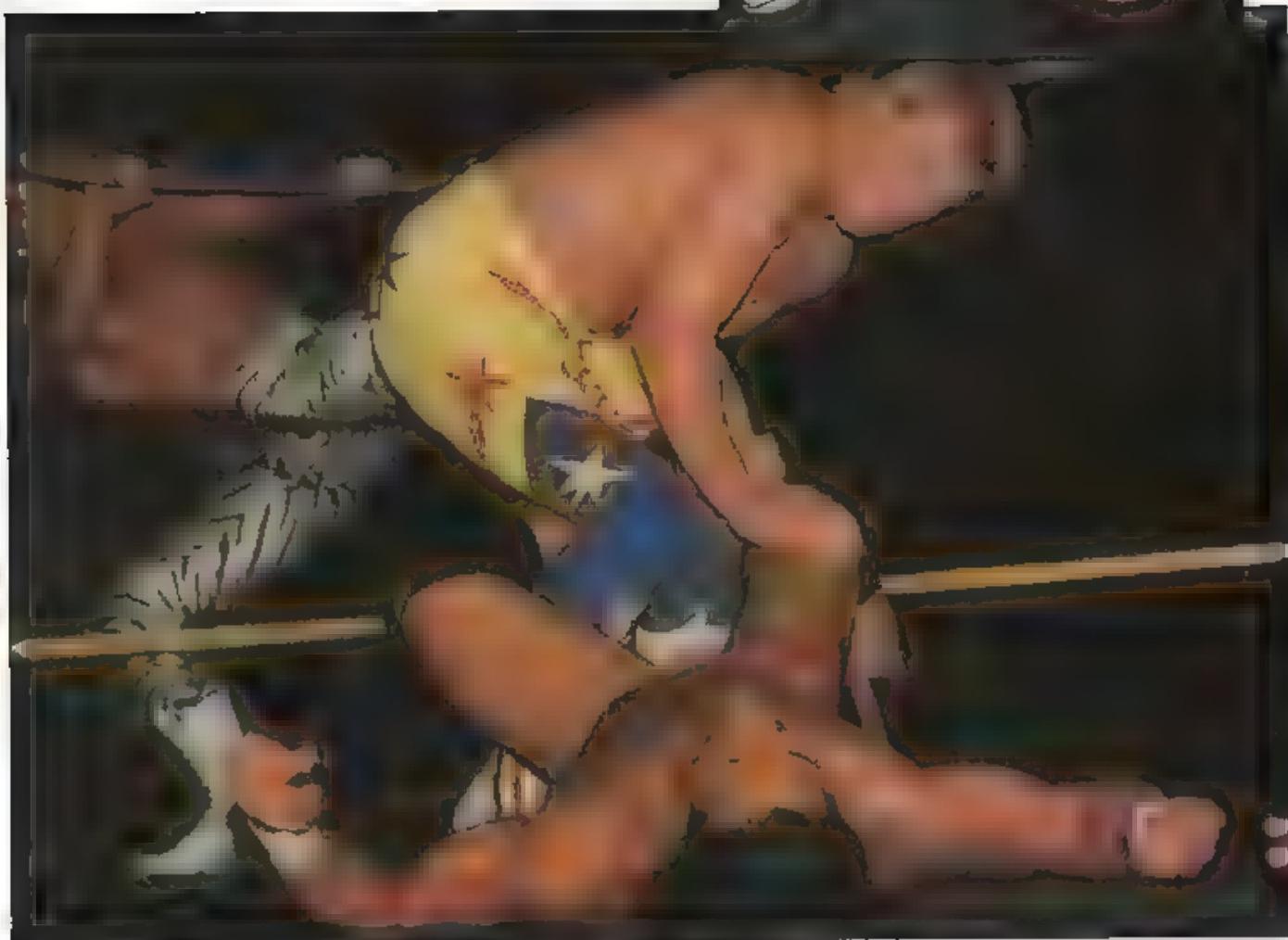
Eaton knew it, too. Refusing to allow his team to lose by pinfall, "Beautiful" Bobby jumped into the ring and helped Benoit double-team Anderson. The referee called for the bell, and Eaton and Benoit were disqualified.

Who knows what effect this match had on the tag team picture. Shortly afterward, Benoit headed off for Japan. Eaton headed for the sidelines. Anderson and Roma headed for glory.

It's a tough road to the top.

"Yeah," Anderson said, "but sometimes the sideshow attractions are a heckuva lotta fun." ♦

Benoit slows the pace down with a side headlock against Roma, but soon the wrestlers would resume their frenetic pace.



Eaton maneuvers Paul Roma into a figure-four leglock as Chris Benoit does what he can to help from the ring apron.

EXCLUSIVE

TOP STARS ANSWER YOUR MOST PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Each day, thousands of letters to wrestlers arrive at the offices of World Championship Wrestling and WCW MAGAZINE from fans across the country and around the world. These letters, which are forwarded directly to the wrestlers themselves, sometimes include praise, sometimes include criticism, but most often include questions. In this special section, some of the top stars of the sport share their most personal correspondence with you—and answer some of your most frequently asked questions!

SECTION

STING

"When you have spare time and you're not training for a match, what kinds of activities do you like to do?"

—Carlene Masters, Dallas, Texas

"Well, Carlene, there are quite a few things I like to do," Sting replied. "There's working out, of course, which is always a good time. If it's a nice day, I like to hop on my motorcycle and go for a ride that really clears my head. Sometimes I just kick back, watch a little TV, and maybe read a book or a magazine. If I'm feeling like getting out and moving, I'll go to the beach, catch a swim, and if I'm lucky, get into a game of volleyball. Nothing like a good volleyball game on a sunny day!"

MICHAEL HAYES

"I'm a pretty laid-back guy. I like to go to the beach, hang out with my friends, and just have fun. I'm not really into sports, but I do like to play basketball every now and then. I also enjoy reading books and listening to music. I'm a big fan of hip-hop and R&B. I think it's great that there are so many talented artists out there. I also like to cook and try new recipes. I'm not a big fan of vegetables, though. I prefer meat and potatoes. I also like to travel and explore new places. I've been to a lot of different countries and it's always a great experience. I also like to spend time with my family and friends. They're the most important people in my life. I'm grateful for everything they do for me. I'm a lucky guy."

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EXCLUSIVE



THE EQUALIZER

Randy Wright, Nashville, Tennessee

What do you like best about being a professional wrestler?"

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You're in great shape. What kind of a workout regime do you follow?"

Miss Barber - Personal Website

"What do you care, Mike?" Benoit replied smugly. "You want workout tips? How about getting you habby butt out of bed in the morning and running a couple of miles? How about joining a health club? Look, to be in shape takes a lot of hard work. Me, I work out daily, whether it's calisthenics at home or weightlifting in a gym. Daily exercise is the only way to maintain a healthy body. If you don't work at it, you don't get it, it's that simple."



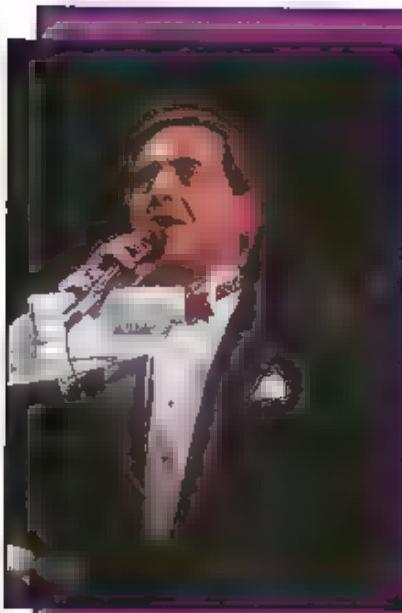
SECTION



MAXX PAYNE



madness, and vice-versa? Read Freud, read Jung, read the works of the great research psychologists that are publishing today. You'll find that reality, my friend, is not quite what you believe it to be!"



I like the ring announcing work you do, and I wonder how do I go about becoming a ring announcer?

-Jeff Marshall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Well, Jeff, there aren't but a handful of ring announcing jobs in this sport," Gary replied, "and I certainly wouldn't commend it as a career goal! Most of us started in broadcasting—usually college and commercial radio—or got into it as a sideline to a regular job as the result of friends in the sport. As with anything in life, though, I suggest a solid education first and foremost as the foundation for any goal. Graduate high school; go to college, and then see what your options are and go from there."



THE NASTY BOYS

HOW NASTY? WAIT 'TIL YOU READ THIS!

When WCW MAGAZINE requested an interview with The Nasty Boys, we expected them to respect our wishes. We were fools. Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs do things their way, and they did this article their way: by themselves

The Nasty Boys are back in WCW, and they've already made quite an impact. Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs are not only two of the best tag team wrestlers in the world, they're also the meanest. Tough Nasty. How nasty? Well, wait 'till you read this!

Three years ago, The Nasty Boys made their first appearance in WCW. Now they're meaner and dirtier than ever, and flaunting their attitude all over the federation.

"They're a menace," Dustin Rhodes pointed out.

Sags and Knobs like to think of themselves as a menace . . . to other wrestlers, and to society. We at WCW were surprised to learn they're even capable of writing English.

We found out when Sags and Knobs stormed into WCW's editorial offices and demanded to speak to the editor.

"You guys want an interview?" Sags screamed. "Can't have one. Where's the typewriter? We're writing this story ourselves!"



*And so they did, piece by piece
and in rather shocking fashion.*

WHERE WE COME FROM

By Sags:

We're from Allentown, Pennsylvania. Coal country. Growing up, we were the butt kickin'est tough guys in town. If you know anything about Allentown, you know it's a city of tough men. Well, we were the toughest. We wrestled and played football. We didn't have time or the stomachs for sports like tennis or golf. Knobs wrestled in the Army before he was thrown out. I went to college. It was a waste of time. They asked me to leave and I spit in their faces while walking out the door.

That's where we come from, and we're going right to the top.



The Nasty Boys manhandle 2 Cold Scorpio. Double-teaming is about the nicest part of their ring repertoire!



While in London, Jerry Sags scours the streets for trouble while Brian Knobs leaves the taxi—probably stiffing the driver for the fare!

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

By Knobs and Sags:

It's simple: We do what we do because we're a team. Because we're the best. Because we've never lost once, not in a bar, not in the Army, and

sure as heck never in the wrestling ring.

We act like we act because we wanna. There was that 2 Live Crew album, *Nasty As They Wanna Be*. Well, we're as nasty as we wanna be . . . all the time.

THE PERFECT WOMAN

By Knobs:

Hot, blonde, and ready to rumble. That's the way we like 'em, and it's the only way we take 'em. My ex-girlfriend had a tattoo on her right cheek and another just below it. Right on her thigh.

You know, there are a lot of women's libbers out there, and they get my goat. Take my mother. She was the perfect woman. Dad would work an eight-hour day at his union job, go out with the buddies afterward, and stumble home at about 11. If Mom gave Dad any lip, there was trouble, and she knew it. She shut up.

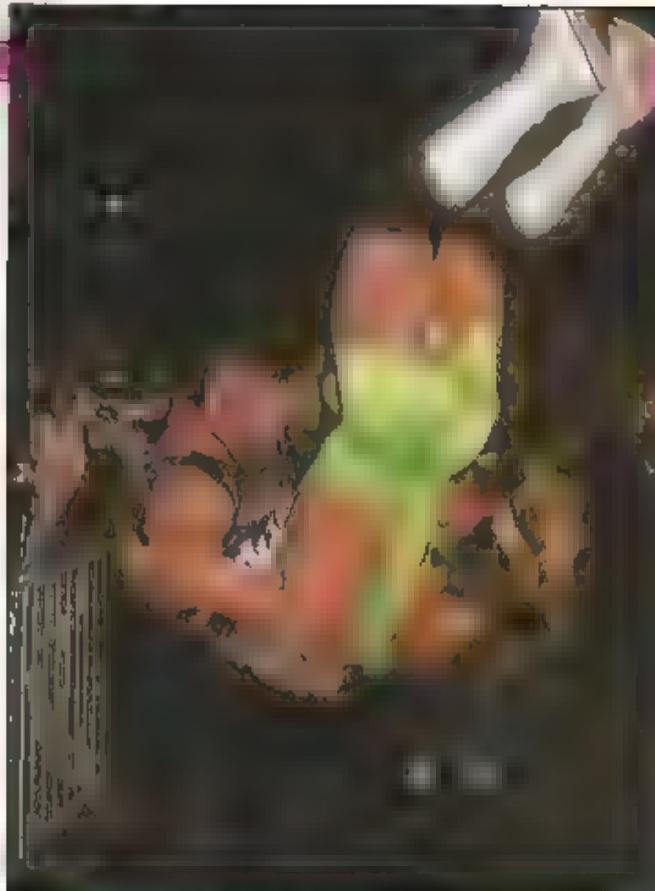
That's another thing about my perfect woman. She knows when to keep her mouth shut.

When I say so

ON THE PERFECT NIGHT OUT

By Sags:

Brian and me like to just kind of



Left: At Halloween Havoc '90, the Nastys battled Rick and Scott Steiner. The fast-paced bout included plenty of wild out-of-the-ring action like this!

HOW TO TREAT ANIMALS

By Sags

Squeeze cats—maybe a little too tight for some people, but who cares?—and kick little puppies down stairs. One day Knobs and I were in a Chinese restaurant. The guy sitting next to me said, "You know, you're eating cat." I said, "Waiter, bring me another order of this grub."

Men were created to rule the earth. Animals and pansy fan favorites can wait their turns.

PROPER MANNERS

By Knobs and Sags

Moon old ladies and slam the door on old men. Never give a sucker an even break, and when he's down, kick

roam around and see what happens. Every once in a while, we'll find a rich yuppie and spit in his face for a cheap laugh. The way we see it, there ain't never been a rich man who earned his money honestly. Fortunately, there are people like us on earth to even things out. Kind of even the scales of balance.

We were born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and if you've ever been there, you know things aren't easy. That punk singer Billy Joel once wrote a song about Allentown, but that Long Island wuss ain't never been there and he don't know what's going on. In Allentown, a good night out meant a few bumps and bruises when the night was over.

Just one word of advice to anyone who bumps into us on a night out. Either get a baseball bat—quick—or run the other way—quicker!

ON THEIR PREVIOUS STAY IN WCW

By Knobs

Short, sweet, and effective. That's all I can say. We had business to do, we came in and did it, and then we left. We made our presence known. Now we're back for the belts.



SHOPPING FOR CLOTHING

By Knobs

Real men don't shop for clothing. Just head into the local Army & Navy store, pick out some fatigues or a work shirt, and you're set. Who cares about fashion? Women, that's who. All you need in the ring is a pair of tights and your own two hands. Out of the ring, torn jeans and a T-shirt will do fine.

him. Anyone who has mercy is still standing around waiting for his handout. We don't wait for anything. We take action.

THE END

By Knobs and Sags

That's it. That's what we're all about, folks, whether you like it or not. Get ready and hit the deck. Pray you don't catch our eye. ♦

EXCLUSIVE PAY-PER-VIEW PREVIEW



HALLOWEEN HAVOC

Ask Sting to name his favorite match and he has to think for a few moments. Ask him to name his *least favorite* match and he doesn't even have to think twice. He responds instantly: "'Spin The Wheel, Make The Deal,' last year at Halloween Havoc," Sting shoots back. "The psychological toll was as great, maybe greater, than the physical toll. It's absolute hell not knowing what kind of match you're going to wrestle until the last minute. There's absolutely no way to prepare."

There are only two people in the world who know what it's like to "Spin The Wheel" and "Make The Deal": Sting and Jake "The Snake" Roberts. They clashed at Halloween Havoc '92 and, of the 12 options on the wheel (see sidebar on page 36), ended up wrestling a coal miner's glove match.

This year at Halloween Havoc '93 on October 24 at the Lakefront Arena in New Orleans, Cactus Jack and WCW World champion Big Van Vader will join the short roster of brave men who have spun and dealt.

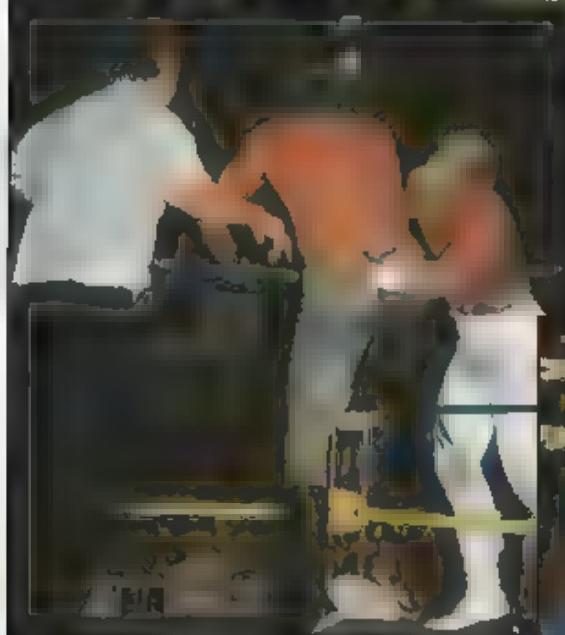
The pay-per-view spectacular will feature these bitter rivals competing in one of 12 matches on the wheel: "I quit," barbed-wire, steel cage, lumberjack strap, "Prince Of Darkness," Texas death, coal miner's glove, first blood, Texas bullrope, Russian chain, dog collar and spinner's choice—where the spinner gets to pick the type of bout.



Hated enemies
Cactus Jack
and Big Van
Vader will
"Spin The
Wheel" and
"Make The
Deal" at
Halloween
Havoc '93.

They'll compete
in one of 12
specialty
matches—each
perfect for
amplifying the
anger already
consuming
these two men!

Sting prevents Jake Roberts from climbing the pole and acquiring the coal miner's glove during last year's Halloween Havoc "Spin The Wheel, Make The Deal" contest.



HALLOWEEN HAVOC

"Then your life is basically in the hands of your opponent," Sting said of the final option.

The "Spin The Wheel, Make The Deal" concept is so dangerous, so potentially deadly, that last year WCW refused to sanction the contest and abstained from any responsibility for the outcome. At press time, WCW officials were busily conferring with insurance agents and desperately trying to find one that would offer a premium

on the bout.

In an age when insurance companies are willing to offer \$1-million premiums on a man sinking a long-distance basketball shot, this is the most telling sign of how dangerous the match really is.

"The worst thing that can happen is that your opponent gets to pick the



Vader hammers Jack outside the ring during last year's WCW tour of the U.K. This year, Jack is hoping that the Halloween Havoc match stays outside the ring!

bout," Sting said. "I guess in this case, there's nothing to stop Vader from picking a power bomb vs. power bomb match."

It was Vader's power bomb that

SPIN THE WHEEL, MAKE THE DEAL

On October 24, Cactus Jack and Big Van Vader will square off in the main event of Halloween Havoc. What kind of a match will it be? Nobody will know until that night, when the wheel containing 12 different specialty matches will be spun. Here's a guide to the bouts that will be included on that wheel:

RUSSIAN CHAIN MATCH: The competitors are joined at the wrists by a chain, the first man to touch all four cornerposts is declared the winner.

DOG COLLAR MATCH: The competitors are joined at the necks by a chain, pinfall or submission decides the winner.

I QUIT MATCH: The first man to cause his opponent to shout "I Quit!" is declared the winner.

COAL MINER'S GLOVE MATCH: The option that came up on the wheel at Halloween Havoc 1992, the first wrestler to retrieve a steel-plated glove from atop a pole may use it legally; pinfall or submission decides the winner.

LUMBERJACK/BELTS MATCH: The ring is surrounded by wrestlers wielding leather straps to keep the competitors in the ring; pinfall or submission decides the winner.

BARBED-WIRE MATCH: The ring ropes are draped with barbed-wire; pinfall or submission decides the winner.

CAGE MATCH: The ring is surrounded by a steel cage; pinfall or submission decides the winner.

PRINCE OF DARKNESS MATCH: Both men are rendered blind by hoods covering their heads; pinfall or submission decides the winner.

TEXAS DEATH MATCH: The match proceeds until one man cannot continue; the other is declared the winner.

FIRST BLOOD MATCH: The man who causes his opponent to bleed first is declared the winner.

TEXAS BULLROPE MATCH: The competitors are joined at the wrists by a rope, at the center of which is a cowbell; pinfall or submission decides the winner.

SPINNER'S CHOICE: The spinner of the wheel gets to

seriously injured and hospitalized Cactus Jack back in April at Center Stage Theater in Atlanta. Jack suffered a severe concussion and experienced periodic bouts of amnesia after being at the wrong end of Vader's violent power bomb. He was out of action for several months before recently returning.

Putting these two men together in a "Spin The Wheel, Make The Deal" match is like putting 1,000 pounds of explosives into a furnace!

For example, the Russian chain, dog collar, barbed-wire, and steel cage matches all involve hard metal objects. The cage matches ensure the action will be confined to the ring where these men can do unto each other as much as they desire. Several of the matches involve weapons, and all of them have one thing in common. They're unconventional fights to the finish.

"That's the way I want it," Jack said. "After what he did to me, it's payback time. If you wanna know something, I don't care what kind of match comes up. All I want is Vader in the ring for five minutes. That's all I need."

Naturally, Vader and manager Harley Race are supremely confident. Vader's power bomb is the most lethal weapon in WCW, and Race possesses a dangerous mind. After hospitalizing

Jack, Vader half-apologized for his actions.

"It's too bad," Vader said. "Now I won't have Cactus Jack to push around for a few months."

Vader might have the advantage in this match because he has two heads on his side. With Race at ringside, Vader will have the chance to talk strategy once the match is chosen; Jack will be on his own.

Any match that confines the action to the ring clearly favors the huge Vader, who likes to corner his opponents. Jack, who is expert at falls-count-anywhere matches (his possible choice if the "spinner's choice" comes up), wants to spread out the action. He also wouldn't mind having a foreign object or two to counter the much more powerful champion.

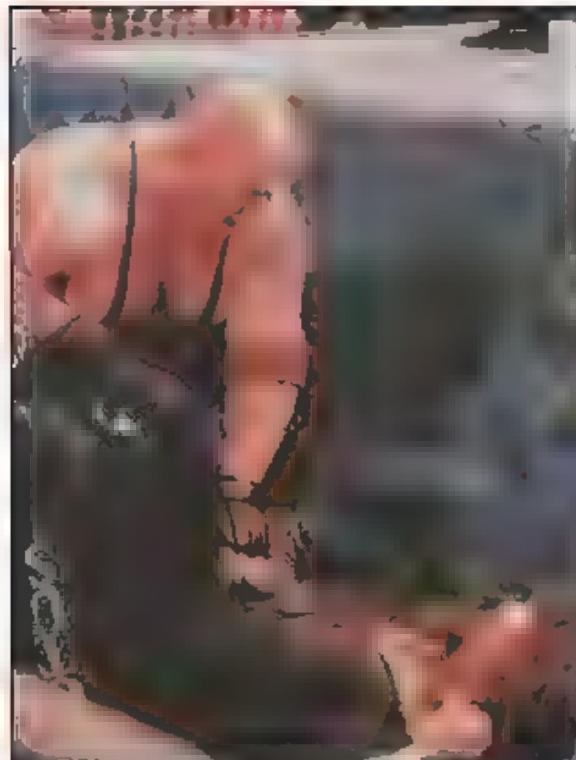
The potential for injury is enormous. Last year's "Spin The Wheel" match contained one especially horrifying incident, when Roberts' pet cobra started biting his owner near the throat.

There'll be no snakes or pets this time around. The only question remaining is who will win the coin flip that decides who gets to spin the wheel. It's an important factor because of the "spinner's choice." Otherwise, each wrestler will enter a dark, mysterious

world on Halloween Havoc night.

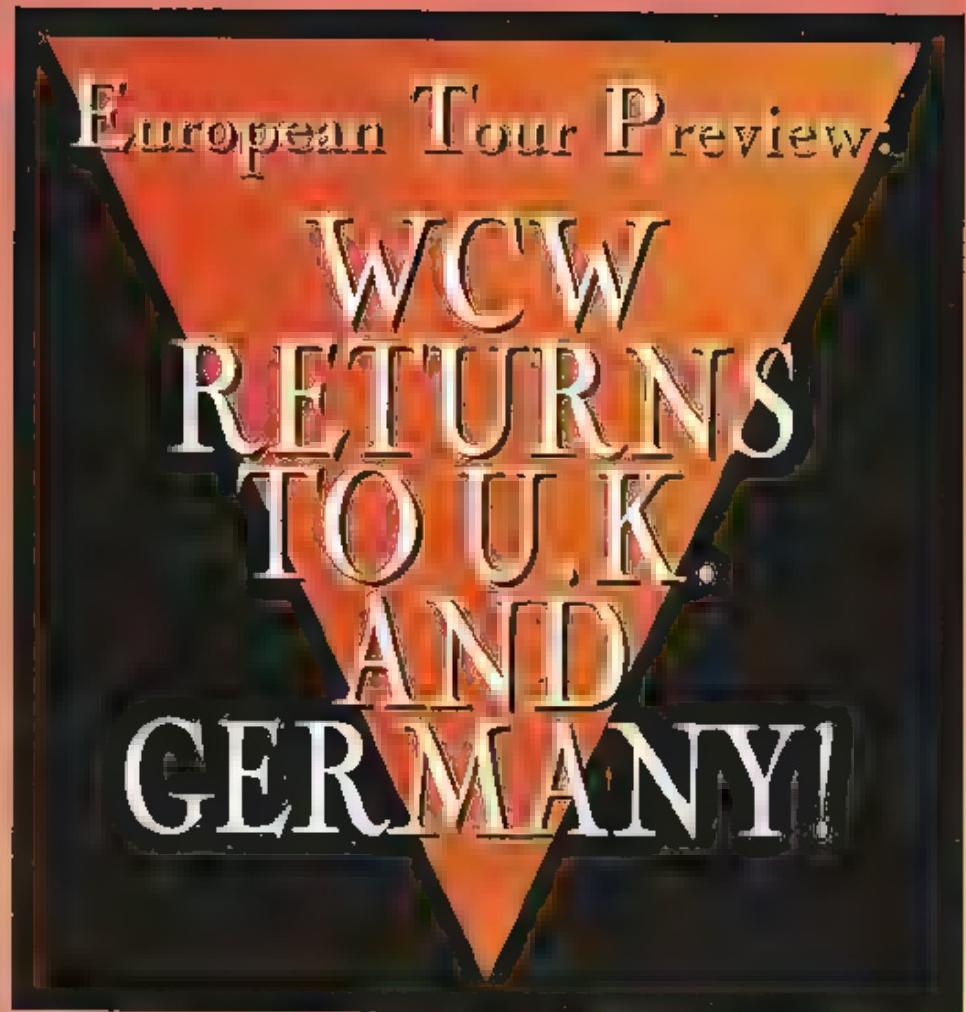
There'll be nowhere to run to, nowhere to hide, when Vader and Cactus Jack "Spin The Wheel" and "Make The Deal..."

Vader's power bomb of Cactus on the concrete floor (left) severely injured Jack (below) and kept him out of the sport for months. Can Jack avenge this brutal attack? We'll all find out on October 24!



Bournemouth!
Cardiff!
Birmingham!
Munich! Cologne!
Bayreuth! They're
not normal stops
on the WCW
circuit, but this is
no ordinary
WCW tour.

Sting and
Davey Boy Smith
will lead WCW's
return to the
United Kingdom
and Germany
for an 11-date
tour this fall!



The time has nearly arrived for Lord Steven Regal, but something important will be missing from his bag. For years he dreamed of launching his own British invasion on the United States, wiping out the enemy wrestling forces, and coming home draped with belts and other high honors.

But Regal will travel light when WCW returns to the United Kingdom and Germany in late-October and early-November for an 11-city tour. Despite his outstanding ability, Regal's dreams of greatness have not been realized on the toughest wrestling circuit in the world.

"It doesn't matter," Regal said. "We are going home, to my country, and that's where I'll have the big advantage. I'm bringing an extra bag along, because I plan on having a few more things on the way back."

Not surprisingly, Regal can't wait for the tour. And neither can the fans in the U.K. and Germany, who see plenty of WCW action on TV, but seldom have the chance to view it live and in person.

"These people really eat up the excitement of being at a live wrestling match," Sting said. "I don't blame them. After all, they're used to watching soccer!"

Sting chuckled after that last comment, then quickly pointed out he's a big fan of European football.

"Tottenham's my team," Sting said. Maybe he'll have a chance to see the soccer club from London in action during WCW's five-day stay in the United Kingdom. The wrestlers will touch down in Cardiff on October 26 for a card at The C.I.A., after which they'll zigzag across the U.K. for several days north to Blackburn on October 27, south to Bournemouth on October 28 for a card at the B.I.C., north to Birmingham in the middle of the U.K. the next day, and a quick jaunt southeast to London to finish up the U.K. leg of the tour on October 30 at Royal Albert Hall.

But the tour won't end there. WCW will head for the mainland on November 2 for six nights in Germany, beginning at The Grugahalle in Essen. There'll be



Davey Boy Smith is looking forward to returning home to the U.K. in October.

cards in Munich on the 3rd, Berlin on the 4th, Cologne on the 5th, and Hamburg on the 6th before winding things up in Bayreuth on the 7th.

"This is something all the boys look

forward to," said Davey Boy Smith the Leeds, England, native who made his WCW return during the last United Kingdom tour in March. "It's a break from the tough schedule and it gives all of us a chance to try out some new surroundings. New food, new hotels, new people. Of course for me it's a chance to go home."

For Sting it's a chance to return to the scene of one of his greatest triumphs—and most disappointing losses. On March 1 in London Sting regained the WCW World title from Big Van Vader. But Vader vowed to regain the belt before the tour ended, and did so on the very last day in Dublin, Ireland.

"You can expect more of the same, but this time Sting won't get his hands on that belt," said Harley Race, Vader's manager. "The last time the jet lag got to Vader a

bit, but it won't happen on this tour."

That's a strange excuse, considering Vader is accustomed to traveling between Japan and the United States. From Atlanta to Great Britain is only a five-hour time difference. No matter. All of the WCW's elite figures to be hyped for action.

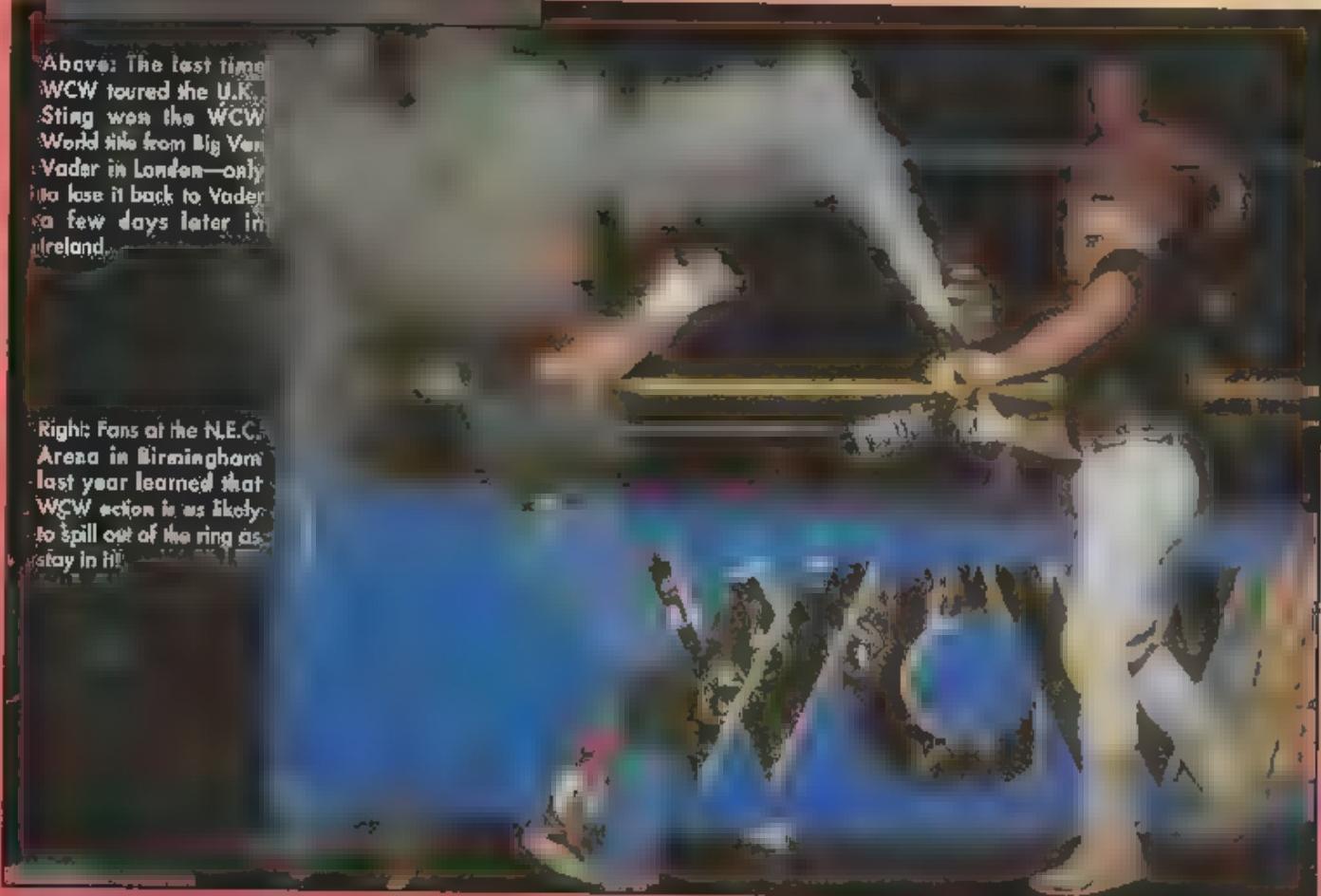
Ric Flair, who has shown off his vast skills in the U.S., Canada, and Japan will now get to exhibit himself in the U.K. and Germany. Sid Vicious will be there, too. But for fans in the U.K., the greatest excitement will come from seeing Davey Boy Smith ... oh yes, and Regal, too.

"They're all going to come down from Blackpool to see me, all my beloved friends, family, and fans," Regal boasted. "I definitely expect a large hometown support in Blackpool; it's only about a half-hour drive from Blackpool. This tour is about me. It's my showcase."

Don't bet on it. Davey Boy is a national hero in England. As far as sportsmen go, he falls into the same

Above: The last time WCW toured the U.K., Sting won the WCW World title from Big Van Vader in London—only to lose it back to Vader a few days later in Ireland.

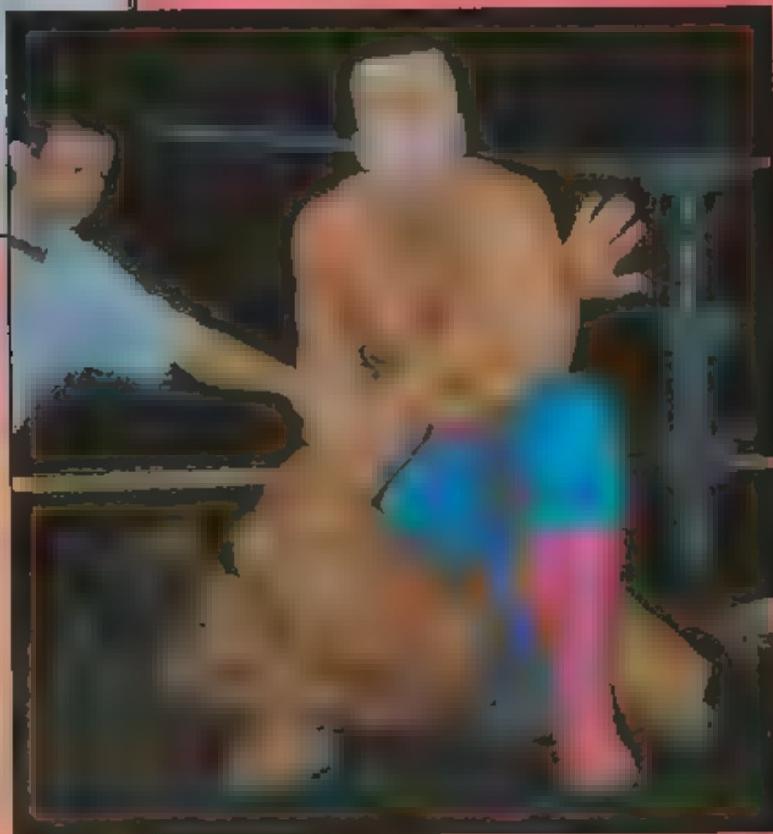
Right: Fans at the NEC Arena in Birmingham last year learned that WCW action is as likely to spill out of the ring as stay in it.





Left: London fans are undoubtedly looking forward to any members of The Four Horsemen arriving in their city!

Below: As a salute to his U.K. fans last year in Manchester, Sting utilized Union Jack colors in his face paint!



category as cricket superstar Graham Gooch.

"And far above Graham Taylor, I hope," Smith, with a laugh, said of the British soccer coach. "It's a beautiful country, and it definitely brings out the best in me."

It will be interesting to see which wrestlers are the most popular in Germany. Sting is popular everywhere he goes, but Germans have a natural affinity for big men. That should bring out the fans for Vicious and Vader. These no-nonsense Masters of the Power Bomb are lethal weapons in any country.

There are several interesting stops on the tour. Bournemouth, near the Isle of Wight and about 100 miles west of London, is a well-planned city of gardens and flowers. Cardiff is the capital of Wales. Munich is a city of beer gardens and parks, while Bayreuth was the birthplace of the great German opera composer Richard Wagner.

As WCW's popularity overseas grows by leaps and bounds, tours in various parts of the European community will become more commonplace. So far they've been raging successes, with sellouts in every city. Any list of popular athletes in Europe would have to include Sting and Davey Boy.

"I was really touched by the way they took to me," Sting said. "You never quite know how people are going to react. I'm really looking forward to going back. It's going to be a great tour!" ♦

THE U.K./GERMANY TOUR AT A GLANCE

October 26	Cardiff, U.K.	The C.I.A.
October 27	Blackburn, U.K.	Blackburn Arena
October 28	Bournemouth, U.K.	The B.I.C.
October 29	Birmingham, U.K.	The N.E.C.
October 30	London, U.K.	Royal Albert Hall
November 2	Essen, Germany	Grugahalle
November 3	Munich, Germany	Rud.-Sedlmayer-Halle
November 4	Halle, Germany	Eissporthalle
November 5	Cologne, Germany	Sporthalle
November 6	Hamburg, Germany	Sporthalle
November 7	Bayreuth, Germany	Oberfrankenhalle

RICK RUDE FIGHTS BACK!

"HOW CAN THE FANS BOO THE GREATEST WRESTLER IN THE WORLD?"

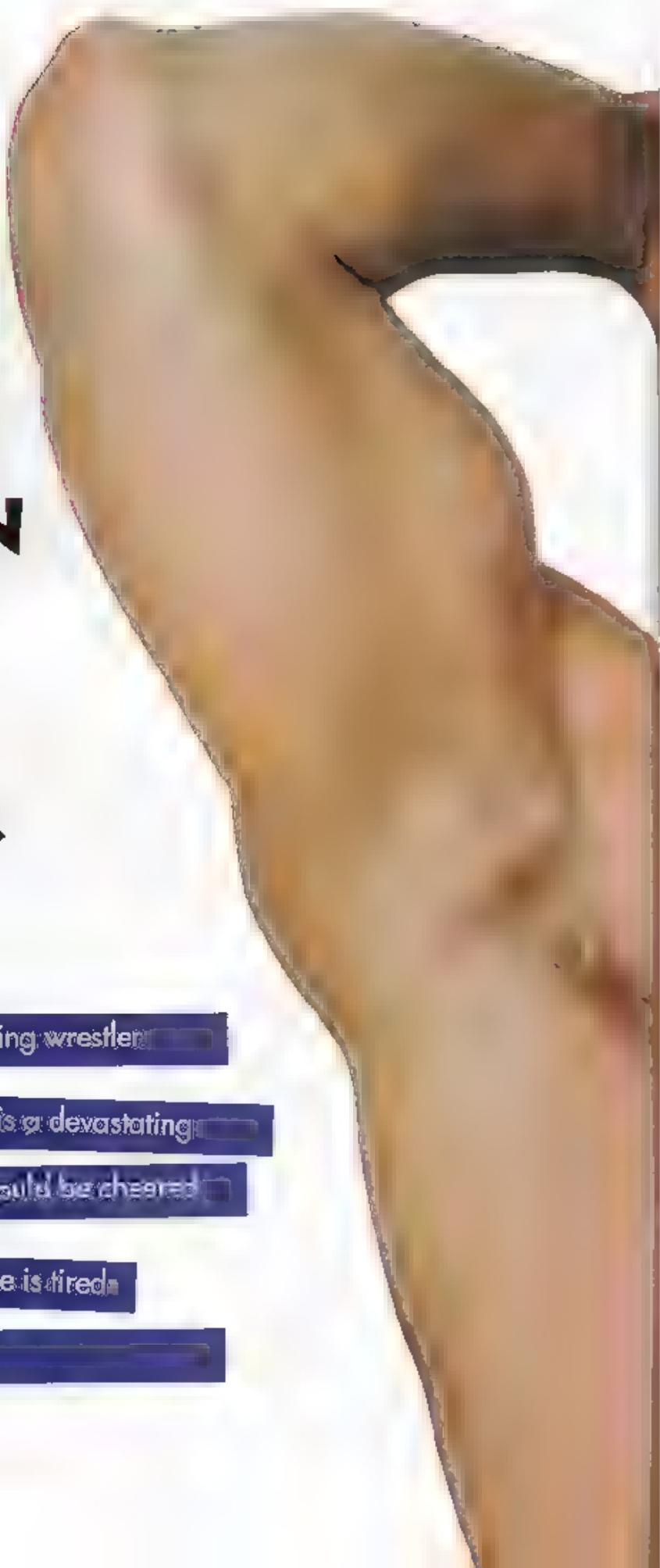
"Ravishing" Rick Rude is an outstanding wrestler.

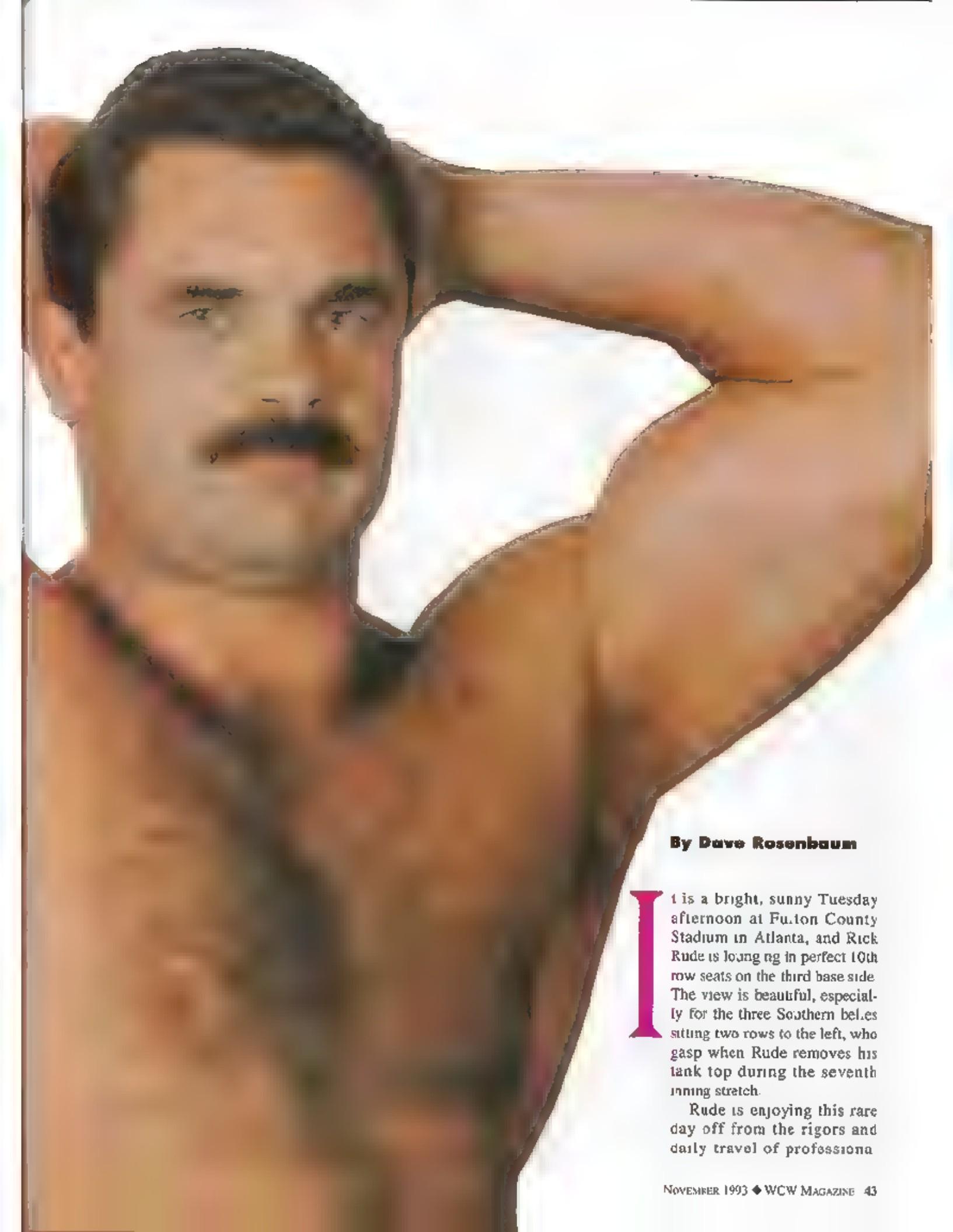
His "Rude awakening" neckbreaker is a devastating

finishing maneuver. Talent like this should be cheered,

right? Wrong! And the arrogant Rude is tired

of not being appreciated!





By Dave Rosenbaum

It is a bright, sunny Tuesday afternoon at Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta, and Rick Rude is lounging in perfect 10th row seats on the third base side. The view is beautiful, especially for the three Southern belles sitting two rows to the left, who gasp when Rude removes his tank top during the seventh inning stretch.

Rude is enjoying this rare day off from the rigors and daily travel of professiona

wrestling. For a man who lives fast, he has a certain appreciation for the leisurely pace of baseball.

"It gives me a chance to relax," Rude says.

But Rude doesn't seem totally relaxed, and he seems highly disturbed by a play in the bottom of the eighth inning. Ozzie Smith, the St. Louis Cardinals' shortstop, goes deep into the hole behind second base to snag a hotly hit grounder. He turns on a dime, makes the toss to second, and then the relay is made to first for the double-play.

The stadium, packed with Braves fans, roars its approval. Sure, the outstanding play was made by the op-

An ego that enables Rick Rude to pose in the midst of a match is not about to easily understand why those fans don't like him.

ponent, but the fans recognize and appreciate great baseball.

Rude, however, does not stand to applaud, and the look on his face turns to anguish.

"Why can't they cheer me?" Rude says to his companion. "Here they are, cheering the enemy in a baseball game after he turns a double play. How can the fans boo the greatest wrestler in the

world?"

It is an amusing question, but one Rude should be able to answer. Unlike most athletes in other sports, wrestlers are judged as much by their personality as by their ability. They are constantly being interviewed and displaying their real selves. Certainly, a great play by firecracker-bombing Vince Coleman wouldn't get an ovation in any stadium



A thunderous Samoan drop executed to precision, Rude feels, should draw thunderous applause from the fans. It should—but not when Rude does it!

in the major leagues.

Rude doesn't understand what he's done wrong. His resume is packed with accomplishments and there is no doubt he's among the finest all-around wrestlers in the world. Opponents, even enemies, admire Rude. After their "Ironman Challenge" match at Beach Blast '93, Dustin Rhodes freely admitted admiration for his hated opponent.

"He's a superstar," Rhodes said. "I don't like to admit it, but the man has tremendous talent. It's unfortunate he also has a huge ego."

And that's the problem. Rude, of course, interprets his somewhat obnoxious ego as an honest admission of his own greatness. He loves displaying his tight, streamlined physique—perfect for wrestling, perfect for showing off—as much as he enjoys displaying his athletic ability. A Rick Rude match isn't a sporting event, it's a show.



But it's a show that is constantly met with disapproval by the fans. Perhaps Rude needs to learn that actions speak louder than words. Rude's actions are substantial, but sometimes his words overshadow everything.

"I'm the greatest gift to this sport," Rude said. "When I came along, WCW took on a whole new light. That's why I took the U.S. belt. I deserved it. It was mine and WCW took it away. Fortunately, I'm man enough to take control of a situation."

Rude can take advantage of his own situation by shutting up and just wrestling, but that doesn't seem to be in his plans. The intriguing aspect of Rude's complaint is that he seemingly wants the fans to cheer him. If that's the case, he's going about it in the wrong way. The fans love to cheer down-to-earth, multitalented wrestlers, not blowhards.

Rude doesn't see it that way. He feels people should cheer the man, not the man's words, and if the fans can't see what's plainly clear, he'll help them along.

"Nobody ever accused the average fan of being a genius," Rude said. "Most of these slobs go home stuff their faces, go to sleep, and wake up to some boring 9-to-5 job. They grovel to their bosses, talk about them behind their back, and live in constant fear of the inevitable day when a pink slip is in their paycheck. Of course they don't like me, I'm too much better than them."

"But if they had an ounce of sense or knowledge about the game, their hands would instinctively overcome their little minds and they'd clap whenever I performed one of my spectacular moves," Rude said. "If there's a man in this sport who knows more about wrestling than me, I haven't seen him."

Statements like these will do nothing to endear Rude to the fans whose approval he seeks. Nobody likes to be told what to like or when to cheer. The fastest way to get boos at a wrestling match would be to hold up a sign that reads, "Applaud!"

Rude feels the fans are missing out on something great. He's right when he

says, "I'm one of the few wrestlers who has always been honest. I don't change my attitude every two weeks. What you see is what you get."

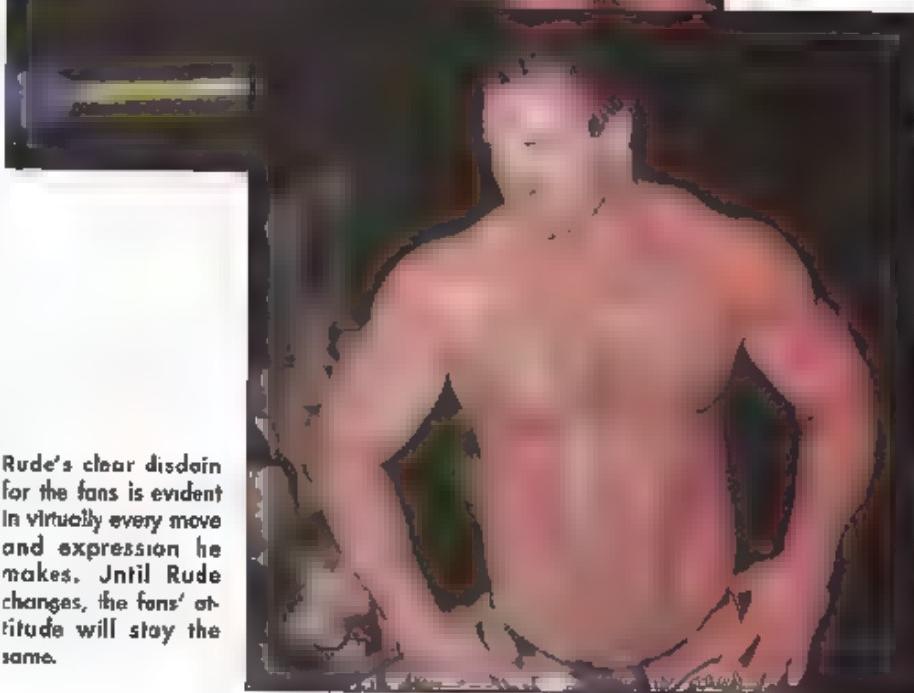
If Rick Rude was a silent movie, he'd win Academy Awards on top of his wrestling championships. Unfortunately, Rick Rude plays in Techni-

color with Dolby stereo sound. He comes through loud and clear. So does the fan's reaction *Boooooo!*

"These people are idiots," Rude said.

They love you, too, "Ravishing One."

Hit the music. *



Rude's clear disdain for the fans is evident in virtually every move and expression he makes. Until Rude changes, the fans' attitude will stay the same.



EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE:



WCW BEACH BLAST

RIC FLAIR CAPTURED HIS 10TH WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE! RICK RUDE AND DUSTIN RHODES BATTLED TO A BRUTAL 30-MINUTE DRAW! STING AND DAVEY BOY SMITH COLLIDED WITH BIG VAN VADER AND SID VICIOUS! BEACH BLAST FEATURED ALL THIS—AND MUCH, MUCH MORE! JOIN WCW MAGAZINE AS WE RELIVE ALL THE DRAMA AND ACTION OF THIS REMARKABLE PAY PER-VIEW EVENT!

AJ 3:00 PM

'Mr. Wonderful' Paul Orndorff grimaces in pain as Ron Simmons applies pressure to his left wrist. Angered by the "All-American," TV champion Orndorff later tossed Simmons over the top rope and was disqualified at 11:15.



Marcus Bagwell shows his power and quickness with an armdrag on Tex Slazenger (above), while his partner, 2 Cold Scorpio, uses his brawn on Shanghai Pierce (right). Scorpio pinned Pierce at 12:48





The always-resourceful prince of WCW, Lord Steven Regal, seems stunned that Erik Watts kicked out of his pin attempt. Regal later scored the pin at 7:31.

The elaborate mask on Johnny B. Badd's face didn't stop this pain. Here, brutal ring tactician Maxx Payne applies an amber—his "Payne killer"—but Johnny didn't let his fans down and won by pinsfall at 4:50.





The Hollywood Blonds used an aerial assault to wear down Arn Anderson and Paul Roma, as Steve Austin targets "The Enforcer" (left). Roma countered with a dose of muscle, bodyslamming Brian Pillman (below). The Blonds, however, retained their Unified World tag team title when Austin pinned Roma at 26:14.



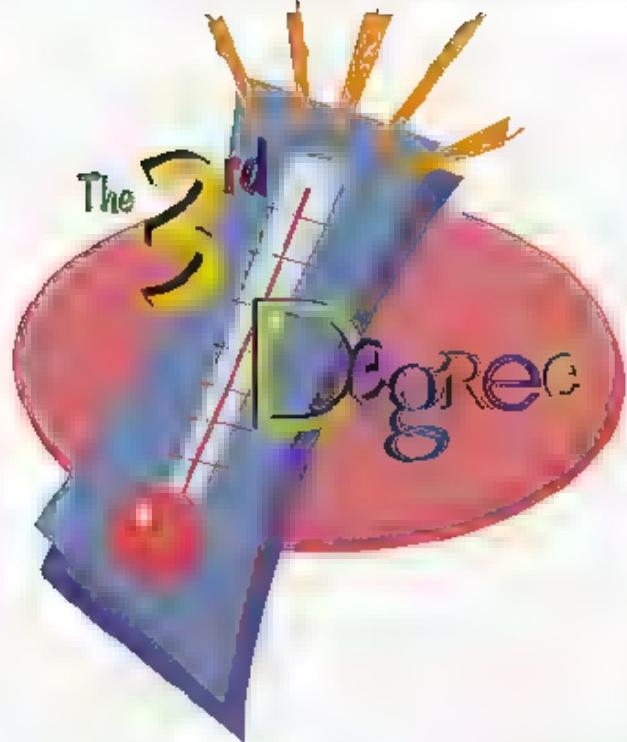
In a grueling 30-minute "Ironman Challenge" match, Rick Rude nearly put Dustin Rhodes away with a sleeperhold (above). Rhodes survived and countered with a piledriver (right), which helped him gain a 1-1 draw in the bout.



The hair was flying along with the chops as Barry Windham pounded away at Ric Flair (below). The "Nature Boy's" attention—and his lips—focused on the NWA World belt (bottom) after he pinned Windham at 11:15.



Looks can be deceiving. Sid Vicious dominated Davey Boy Smith by pulling his hair (top), then invited partner Big Van Vader to join in a double-team of sting (above). But Sting and Smith got the last laugh when Smith pinned Vader at 16:44.



DAVEY BOY SMITH

His name is Davey Boy Smith. People call him "Bulldog." The nickname fits. Stubborn but smart, cagey and ferocious, Davey Boy Smith is one of the finest all-around wrestlers in the world. He is, in fact, the kind of wrestler who is tailor-made for WCW, where it takes total skills, not just brawling or science, to make the grade. Guaranteed, this British-born superstar has what it takes.

Currently on his first tour of duty in WCW, Davey Boy is intent on coming away with the gold. He nearly did so shortly after his return, when he wrestled WCW World champion Big Van Vader at Slamboree '93. "The hurting stops here," Smith said before the match, referring to the hurting Vader had applied to several opponents. Three times Davey Boy slammed the 450-pound champion. Finally, a frustrated Vader hit Smith with a chair, ending the match with a disqualification. When Vader tried to power-bomb Davey Boy, Sting came to the rescue. A new tag team was born.

Davey Boy and Sting wrestled Vader and Sid Vicious—The Masters of the Power Bomb—in the main event of Beach Blast '93. It was a classic match that ended in classic fashion. Despite dominating most of the bout, Davey Boy and Sting looked like losers when Vader perfectly executed a backflip off the top rope and covered the "Bulldog." But Sting, who had been fighting Vicious outside the ring, vaulted himself over the top rope and saved the day. Vader missed a clothesline, and Davey Boy crucified him for the pin.

It was a great moment for Davey Boy and Sting, who as a team have set their sights on the WCW World tag team title, while individually targeting singles honors. Davey Boy is especially excited about the federation's upcoming tour of the United Kingdom and Germany, and a chance to perform once again in front of his friends, family, and countrymen in the U.K. He is especially proud of his heritage, and it's fair to say Davey Boy is one of the most popular athletes in England. In a country that has recently fallen upon hard times in pro

sports, Davey Boy has proudly carried the Union Jack.

WCW MAGAZINE's Dave Rosenbaum interviewed Davey Boy about his alliance with Sting, his matches against Vader, the upcoming European tour, WCW's talent pool, and the future of scientific wrestling. "That's one subject he's very concerned about," Rosenbaum reported. "We're well into the era of the power merchant, but wrestlers like Davey Boy are trying to ensure that science lives on. Let me assure everyone that the sweet science is in very good hands."

WCW MAGAZINE: So, Davey, how's the weather in England these days?

SMITH: Bright and sunny, as usual. (laughs) Actually, we have a philosophy back home that if there wasn't so much rain, the countryside wouldn't be so green and lush. It's a beautiful place to live if you don't mind the rain.

WCW MAGAZINE: Or if you're an umbrella salesman!

SMITH: Exactly. I guess the one







disappointment I have with my career is that the pro wrestling scene isn't a little better there, perhaps a little more lucrative, like it is here and in Japan. I'm not sure why, although it is getting a lot better, what with WCW's tours and all. I guess a lot of people who go for soccer and cricket don't exactly go for the pace of wrestling. I don't know. I've always liked soccer and cricket, too.

WCW MAGAZINE: Maybe you can explain cricket to me one day

SMITH: And maybe you could explain baseball to me. Oh, well, to each his own. Fortunately, the fans in the U.K. are really taking to WCW, and now I'm about to get my second chance to wrestle there in the past year. That's a fringe benefit I never expected.

WCW MAGAZINE: And, I'm sure, one you're very excited about.

SMITH: Extremely. There's something very special about going home. The people back home have always been very good to me, and I've always tried to do them proud.

WCW MAGAZINE: When you left Leeds all those years ago, did you ever dream ...

SMITH: ... that things would work out this well? Never. I wanted to wrestle, and this was the place. I just loved the sport. That's all I ever cared about.

WCW MAGAZINE: You really do love the scientific side of wrestling, don't you?

SMITH: To me it's what wrestling is all about. It's the roots of the sport. I have tremendous respect for the great

brawlers. They represent another side of the game. But to me, a match against a pure scientific wrestler is the greatest challenge. I love the battle of wits.

WCW MAGAZINE: Are you concerned at all that the sweet science is becoming a lost art, and that one day all of the top wrestlers will be muscular brawlers?

SMITH: Sure, sometimes, because that's the way it seems. But then you look at a guy like Big Van Vader. Now, he's built perfectly for brawling, but he has some great moves and he's tremendously agile for a man of his immense size. Then again, you look at Sid Vicious. He's a total brawler, totally dependent on power and aggressiveness. But for every Vicious there's a Marcus Alexander Bagwell, for every Cactus Jack there's a Great Muta. The sport still has many sides, even if one side is bigger than all the others.

WCW MAGAZINE: Could you have made it as a brawler?

SMITH: Me!

WCW MAGAZINE: Yes.

SMITH: No. Sometimes I catch myself trying too much against a bigger wrestler, like Vader, for instance, and I have to slow down, regroup, and work from my strengths. And my strengths are good enough to compete.

against any wrestler in the world. That definitely includes Vader.

WCW MAGAZINE: Well, there's no doubt about that, especially after your performances against Vader at Slamboree and Beach Blast.

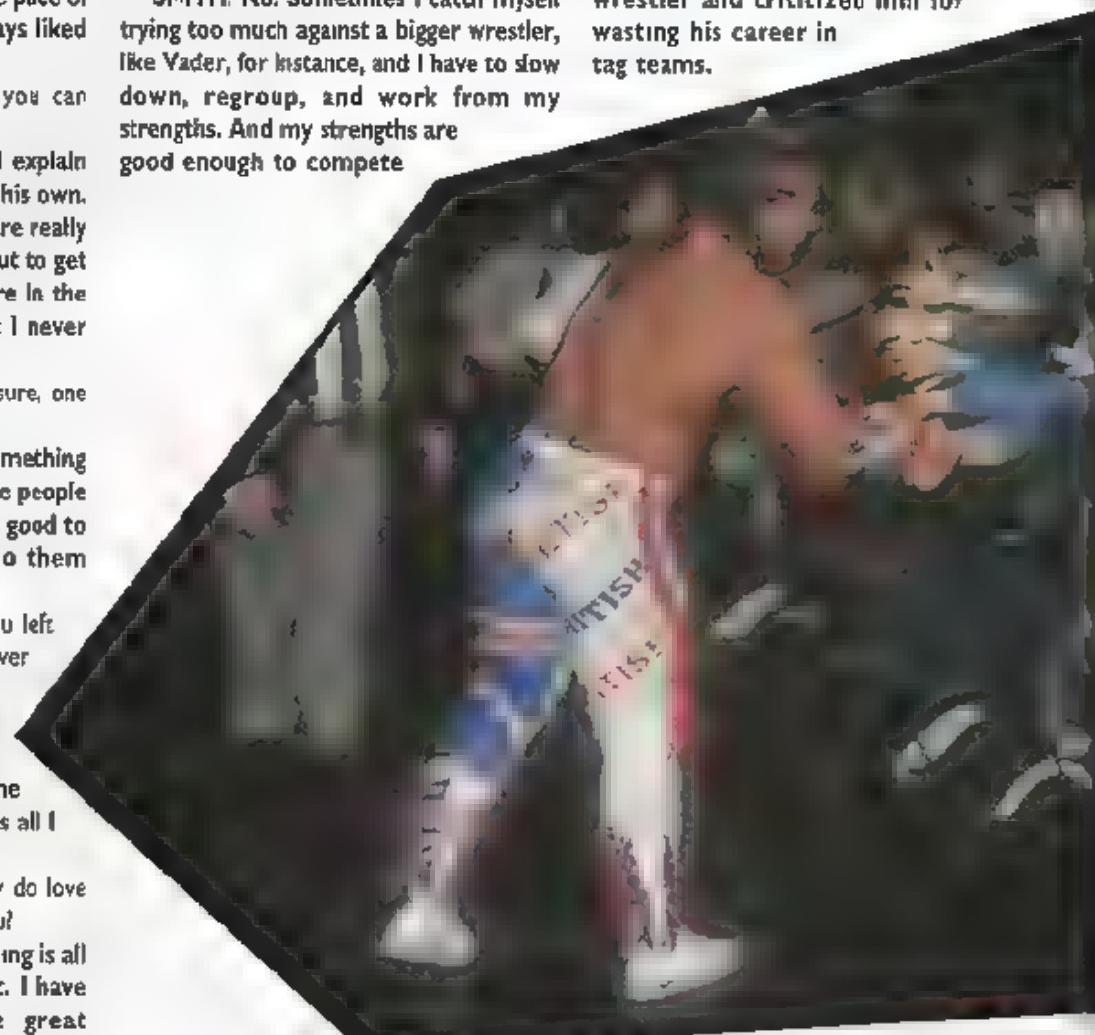
SMITH: Beach Blast was the most fun of all. I felt a lot of pressure at Slamboree. Vader was coming off a string of awesome wins, he was in top form, and really ferocious. He was in there to kill. I needed to stop him, and I put the entire weight of WCW on my own shoulders. Maybe that was a mistake.

WCW MAGAZINE: And yet, you've come through quite nicely.

SMITH: Fortunately, I had a great partner at Beach Blast. Vader had me on the run, but the "Stinger" made the save. You know, I've had some great partners in my life, but none better than Sting.

WCW MAGAZINE: Wow! Do you really mean that?

SMITH: Absolutely. You know, everybody always thought of him as a singles wrestler and criticized him for wasting his career in tag teams.



Wasting his career? I don't think anything Sting does is a waste. He's just an unbelievable talent. We can go far together.

WCW MAGAZINE: But your main goal is a singles title, isn't it?

SMITH: Not exactly. I'm not one of those people who thinks singles titles are more important than tag team titles. No way. They're both important. This sport has many sides to it, and they're all great.

WCW MAGAZINE: Is this federation tougher now than it was a few years ago?

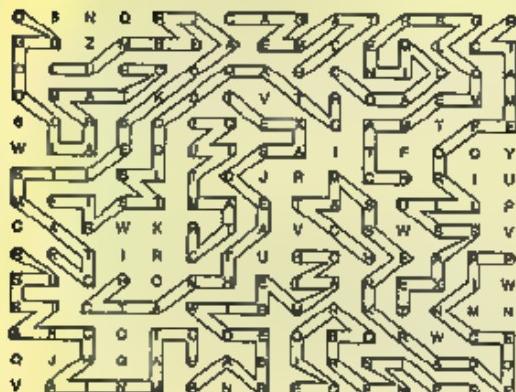
SMITH: Absolutely, but I don't mind. Bagwell, Scorpio, Sting, Flair, Anderson, Roma, Orndorff, you're talking about great wrestlers. Vicious and Vader, too. You can't sell anybody short. But that's great. I've never minded a challenge. ♦

Smith and Vader met again at Beach Blast as the "Bulldog" and Sting battled Vader and Sid Vicious. Smith demonstrated his impressive power frequently and scored the winning pin on the WCW World champion.





ANSWER TO CHAMPIONSHIP
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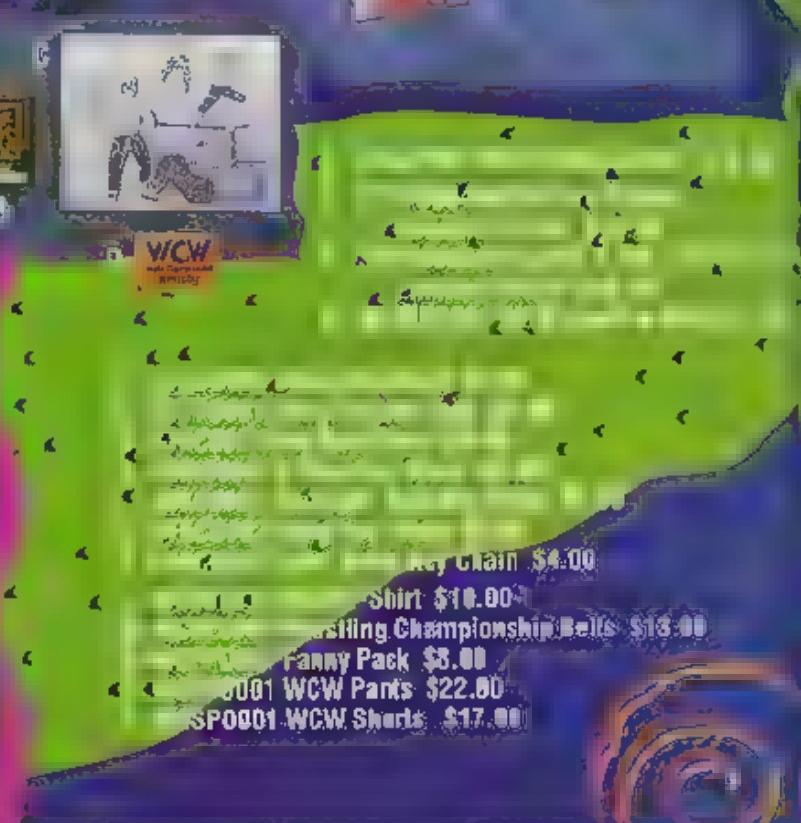
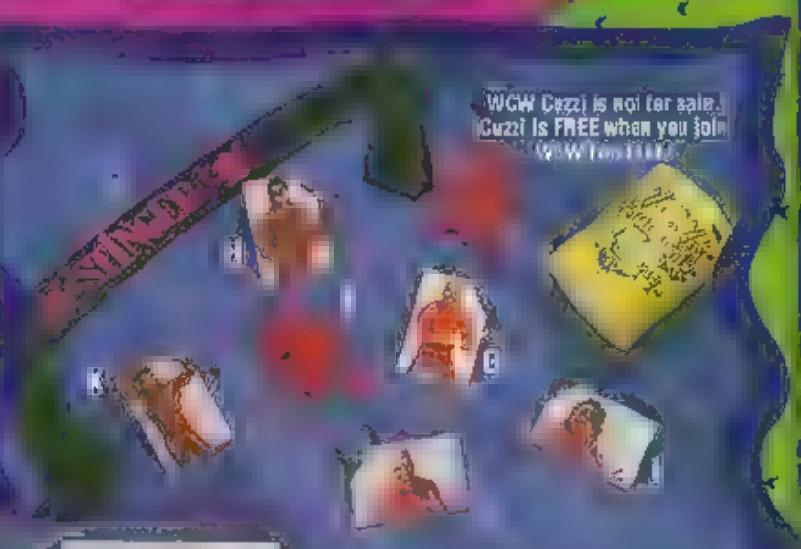
In this word game, the names of 15 WCW personalities, pay-per-view events, programs, and other related terms have been broken down into two-letter segments. The letters in each segment are in the proper order, but the order of the segments has been scrambled. Can you unscramble them all to figure out all the names? (Answers on page 18.)

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- 19—HOUSTON, TX
Astro Arena
Fall Brawl
- 22—ATLANTA, GA
Center Stage Theater
TV Taping
- 23—GREENVILLE, SC
Memorial Auditorium
- 23—CENTRE, AL
National Guard Armory
- 24—ROANOKE, VA
Civic Center
- 24—GAINESVILLE, GA
Lanier Raceway

- 25—FT. BRAGG, NC
Ritz-Epps Fitness Center
- 25—HOGANSVILLE, GA
Hogansville High School
- 26—COLUMBIA, SC
The Township
TV taping
- 29—ATLANTA, GA
Center Stage Theater
TV Taping
- 30—DOUGLASVILLE, GA
National Guard Armory
- 2—CHARLOTTE, NC
Independence Arena

- 3—ATLANTA, GA
Omni Coliseum
- 4—COLUMBUS, GA
Municipal Auditorium
TV taping
- 5—ATLANTA, GA
Center Stage Theater
TV taping
- 7—TALLAHASSEE, FL
Civic Center
- 8—LIVE OAK, FL
Stavannier County Fair
- 9—JACKSONVILLE, FL
Memorial Coliseum
- 10—SAVANNAH, GA
Civic Center

- 11—ATLANTA, GA
Center Stage Theater
TV Taping
- 16—KANSAS CITY MO
Municipal Auditorium
- 17—SPRINGFIELD MO
Bicentennial Center
- 18—WEST PLAINS MO
Civic Center
- 19—JOPLIN, MO
Memorial Hall
- 20—ATLANTA, GA
Center Stage Theater
TV Taping



Program Guide

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WCW IN THE U.K.

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WCW AND DISNEY: ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Out & About

Nobody ever accused WCW of being a Mickey Mouse operation, but hopefully that's about to change.

Yes, hopefully!

Starting now, visitors to Disney-MGM Studios in Orlando, Florida, will be lining up for a new attraction: WCW Worldwide wrestling!

Televised wrestling entered the hyper-color video

age on August 28 when the first edition of *WCW Worldwide* aired from Orlando on TV stations throughout the United States and Canada. This state-of-the-art show features interactive video walls—much like the ones seen on MTV—up-close action, and great music.

It also features WCW play-by-play man Tony Schiavone and color commentator Jesse Ventura, who were among the main attractions when the organization landed in Orlando for the first show.

"This is one of the most exciting places in the world, for kids of all ages, and it's the perfect place for WCW wrestling," Jesse said. "Look around. All you see are kids, families, and excitement. This is what wrestling in the year 2000 is going to be all about!"

And it's happening right here, right now as Disney-MGM Studios were magically transformed into a wrestling arena. Guaranteed there isn't an arena like it in the entire world—and the options available for high-tech production are simply magnificent.

"This is going to be the greatest wrestling program ever seen," Schiavone enthused. "Baseball, football, basketball, every major sport is going to take its lead from *WCW Worldwide*. The Disney-MGM Studios are the perfect place from which to air the matches. This place is on the cutting edge of technology."

It's on the cutting edge of fun, too. In a rare break from a hectic work day, Jesse and Tony had the opportunity to

Jesse Ventura and Tony Schiavone pose before a replica of the Hollywood & Vine intersection sign at Disney-MGM Studios in Florida during a recent taping of *WCW Worldwide*.





The demand for tickets to WCW Worldwide tapings was enormous, but the wait was worth it!

tour the Studios. They hammed it up in front of the famous Hollywood and Vine sign, and spoke with people waiting on line for tickets to a show.

"Everyone's here to have fun," Schiavone said. "That's the great part. The crowd we got for the card was into it from the start. It's not your typical sports card."

Outside, the natives and visitors were trying to get through a typical y hot and muggy Florida summer. Inside, Jesse and Tony sweated under the hot TV lights, while the crew made sure everything looked right. Fortunately, any problem was easily solved in the well-equipped studios, and the show came off without a hitch.

A half hour before the taping, Jesse was having his makeup applied while Tony did his own.

"Star treatment for the star!" Jesse said

Meanwhile, producers and directors went through last minute checks, making sure each camera was manned and every possible angle was accounted for. The folks in the control room prepared to tape off of 11 cameras. A sound man inside the arena did one more sound-check.

"Everyone thinks televised wrestling just happens," Schiavone said. "Maybe it does in the Center Stage Theater, because we're used to working there, but these were whole new surroundings and working conditions. And, of course, you never know exactly what's going to happen until you do it for real."

Jesse and Tony had the opportunity to work from various areas of the Disney-MGM Studios, taking viewers on a video tour of this magnificent attraction. When it was all over, both announcers sunk back in their chairs, satisfied with their work day, but positively exhausted.

Fortunately, there was no rest for the weary.

"Let's go over to Disney World, guys!" a camera man shouted.

So off they went for another adventure in the magical kingdom! It's WCW's new home away from home! ♦

Jesse and Tony prepare to tape while the crew checks the lighting before rolling the cameras.



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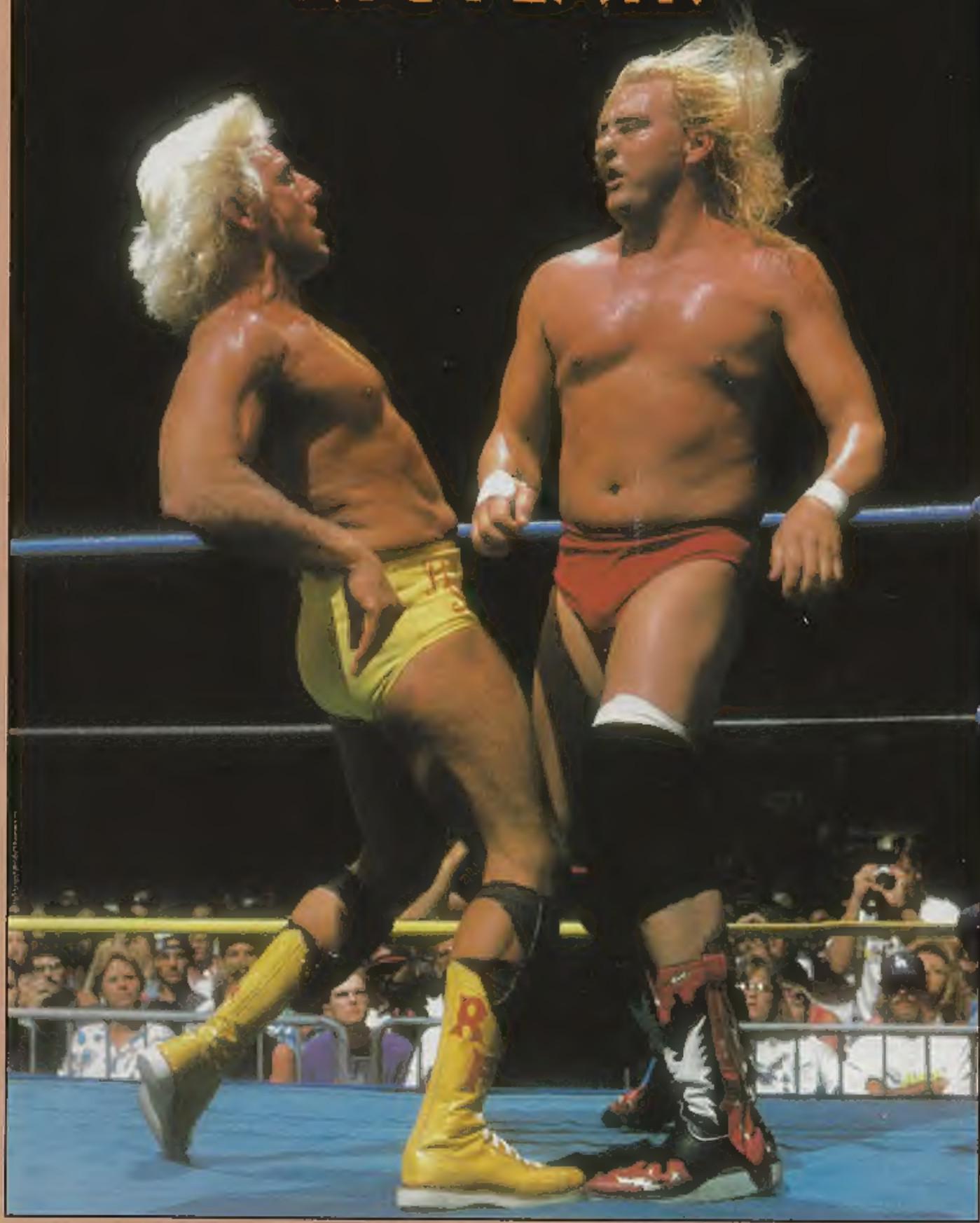
“Ric Flair likes to say that he's The Man, and that's a reflection of the large ego that he carries around with him. But along with that ego comes a set of credentials that is impossible to argue with: 10 world heavyweight titles, nearly two decades of domination in the sport, and the respect of wrestlers, fans, and journalists across the country and around the world. He is definitely one of the very top athletes of our age.”

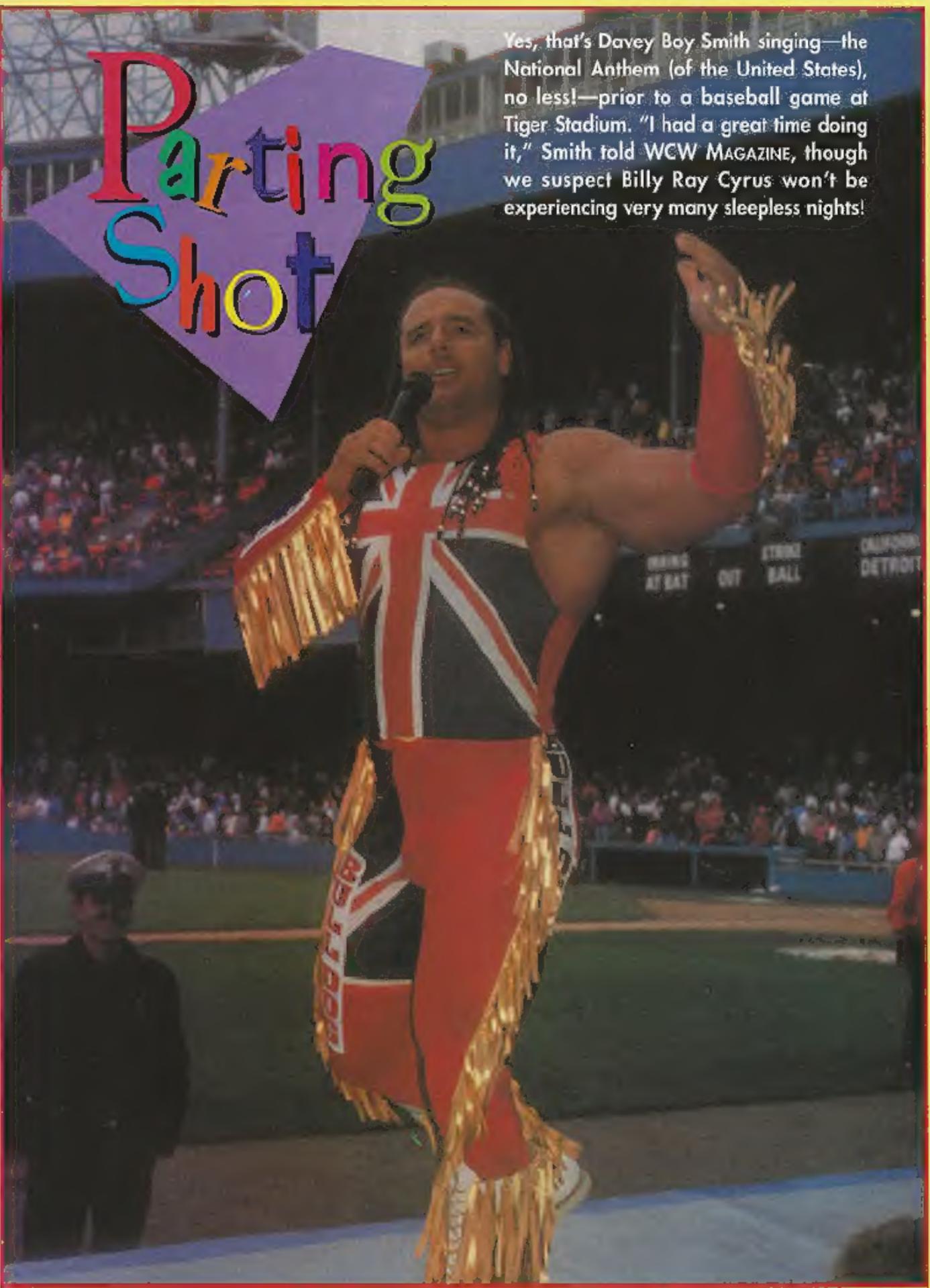
“I've wrestled Flair for the NWA World title, I've managed men against him, I know this man almost as well as he knows himself. Flair has to be careful, because age is starting to catch up with him—and he doesn't realize it. He still thinks he's in his 20s. Not that he can't be a success today, but he has to recognize his age and stop trying to wrestle like a kid. Use what you have, Ric, not what you *think* you have!”



“I'll lay it out for you as simply as it needs to be laid out: Ric Flair is, without question, the greatest professional wrestler of this or any other age. Look at the record 10 world titles, and not a year since his debut when he hasn't dominated the mat sport, whether it's as a solo, in a tag team, as the linchpin of The Four Horsemen—you name the situation, odds are Ric has been successful in that situation. It's an honor to be his friend.”

RIC FLAIR





Parting Shot

Yes, that's Davey Boy Smith singing—the National Anthem (of the United States), no less!—prior to a baseball game at Tiger Stadium. "I had a great time doing it," Smith told WCW MAGAZINE, though we suspect Billy Ray Cyrus won't be experiencing very many sleepless nights!

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